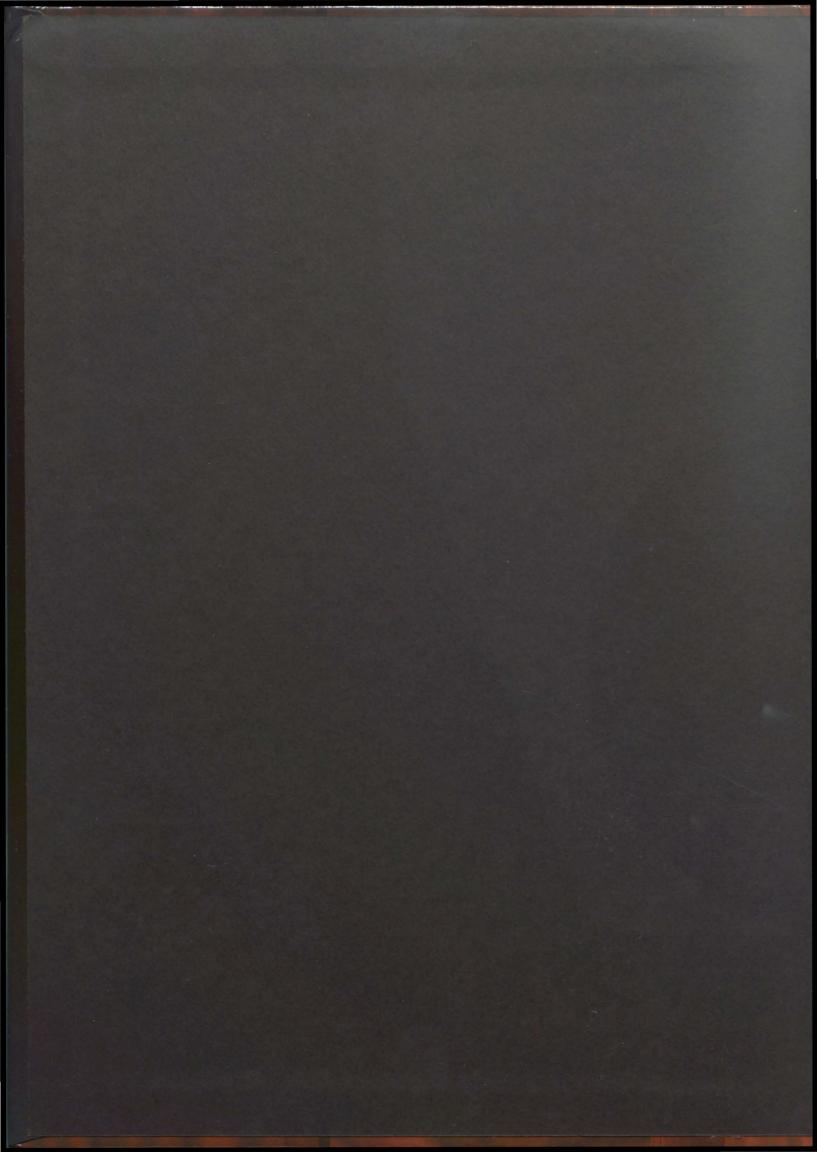
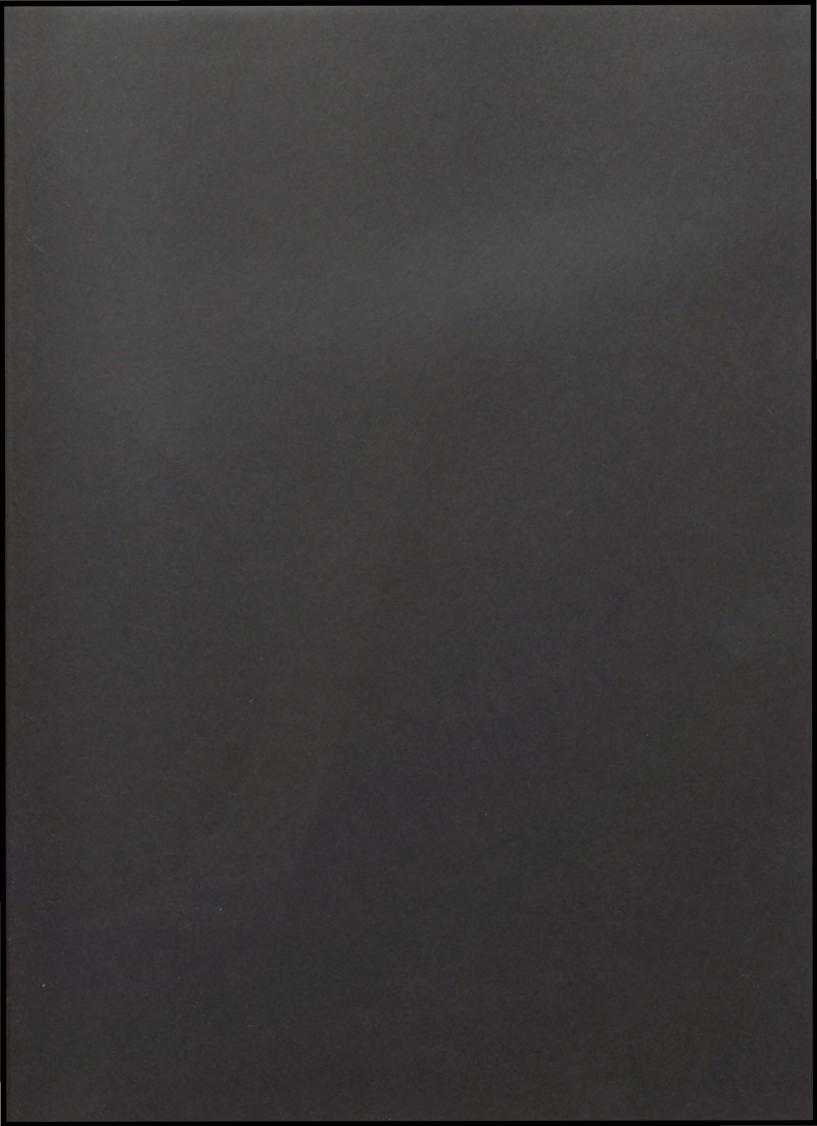
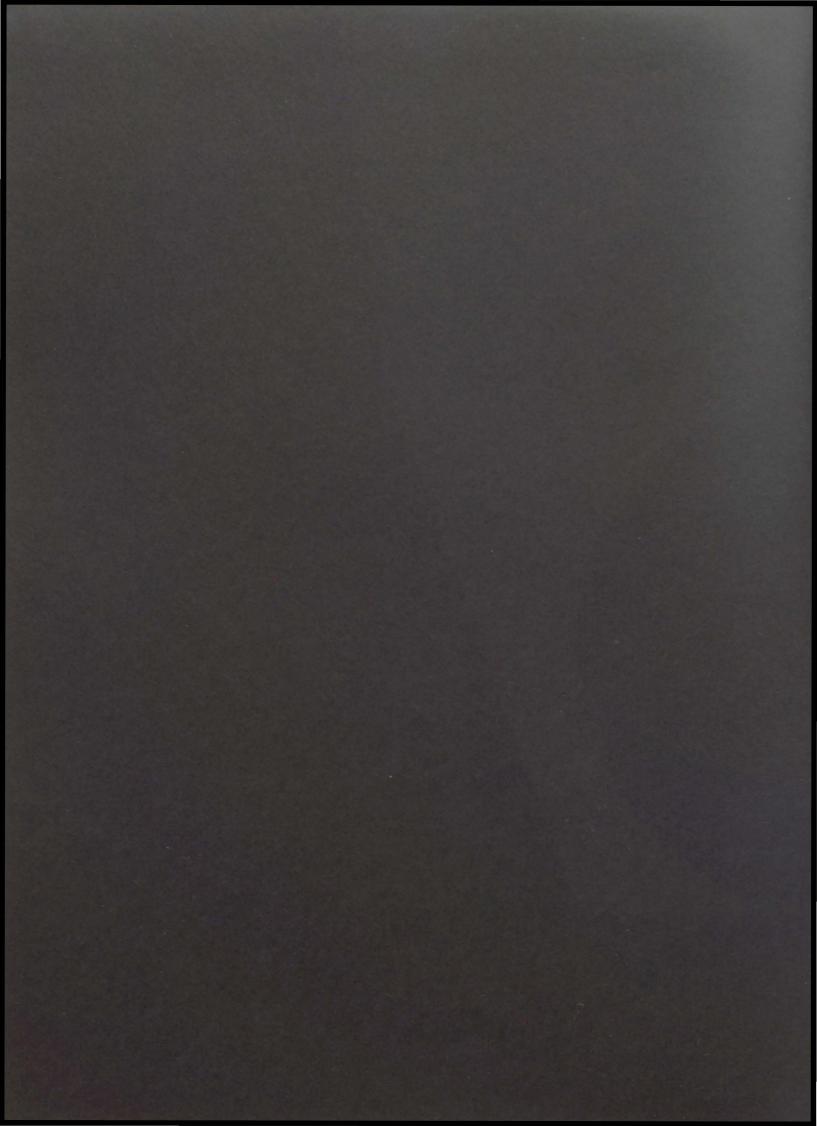
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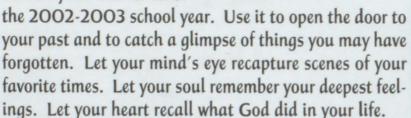
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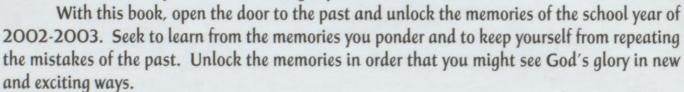
Dear Reader,

Thank you for taking time to look through this yearbook. Many people spent countless hours piecing together this momento and our goal was to give you the gift of a key. Recognize this yearbook as a key to unlock your memories of



Often, we look to the future and yearn for what is yet to come, however, we forget to step back, take a moment, and look at our past. We study history to teach us the mistakes and triumphs of the past in order to learn from our heritage. In the same way, an occasional peek into our own pasts can teach us many things. God works in various ways in each life to create an intricate tapestry to glorify Himself. The threads of the past, present, and future intertwine so that when we seek to see

all three we see the very essence of God's glory fulfilled in our lives.



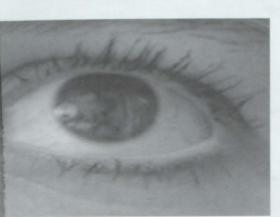
Sincerely,
The 2002-2003 Yearbook Staff

~Stephani Deichmann, Editor





Clockwise from top: Top center- Mrs. Heuermann along with second graders Curtis Heuermann, Braden Moody, Anna Kirby, Dalton Paup, and Katherine Welk heave against the rest of the class to try to win the tug-of-war. Top right- Joining with the school to participate in Operation Chrismas Child, freshmen Heather Smith, Kelli Garwood, and Lindsay Swanson wrap and pack up boxes of gifts and necessities to send to children in need. Bottom right- Senior Aaron McHargue studies his Government notes in preparation for a quiz he needs to take next hour.









Bottom center- Mr. Dockweiler pauses to check junior Tyson Smith's work in Computer 3 where he's practicing computer programming.

Bottom left- Freshmen James Regier, Tyson Ratliff, Riley Garwood, Billy Griepenstroh, and Lisa Osler practice lighting Bunsen burners and reading thermometers during their first lab. Top left- An animated volleyball Head Coach Jewel Fach gives varsity team members Sarah Rainbolt, Mikayla Wegner, Sarah Kauk, Kaelee Stone, and Ashley Chase an inspiring pep-talk to send them into their second set during the Palmer game.

Today's Dreams, Tomorrow's Memories

Today's dreams become tomorrow's memories. Think back to the 2002-2003 school year. What did you dream? What memories stand out to you?

When looking at 2002-2003, the freshmen recall their first year of high school and their trip to Washington D.C. The sophomores remember learning to drive and getting their driver's licences when they turned 16. The juniors look back to the challenge of running concessions and to the planning of the Junior/Senior Banquet. The seniors cherish the memories made throughout high school and the friendships that last a lifetime.

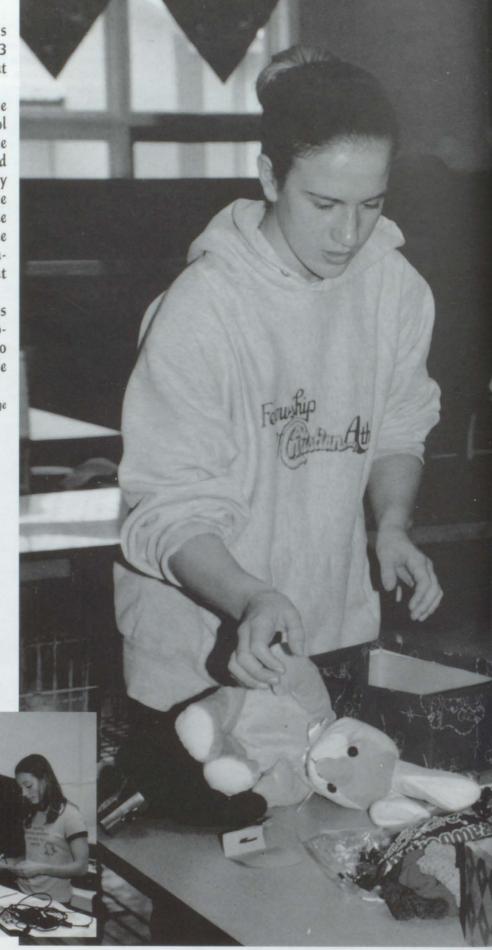
Time passes quickly. Each day brings opportunities for dreams to become memories. Focus on turning your dreams into positive memories that will impact people for Christ.

~Meagan Elge



Right- Sophomore Kristi Johnson carefully arranges her bulging box that will be sent to a child through Operation Christmas Child.

Right- Mr. Geren helps freshmen Jordan Davis and Heather Smith with their Physical Science questions after class.





"Being here in America is a memory itself."

-Samuel Hwang







Left- Seniors Brianna Epp and Kit Lo work together to understand their Cultural Literacy book in Mrs. Griepenstroh's 7th hour class.

Above left-Seventh grader Mike Swanson works industriously in art class on his mosaic master-

Above- Rachel Geren and Hannah Ritta jump down from the fire truck as they enthusiastically enjoy the visit from the Marquette fire department.

"I'm encouraged to see a good number of students who want to walk with the Lord." ~Mike Brill



Mike Brill



Kathy Chase



Harold Cook



Tom Dockweiler



Dave Edgren



Judy Garwood



Trudy Hanke



Jeff Hower



Daurice Hower



Scott Johnson



Marge McPeak



Bob Ritta

Left- After receiving a phone call, Mrs. Ritta diligently writes down a message for a teacher.

Below- During staff meeting, Mr. Brill, Mr. Uhler, and Mrs. Uhler prepare to pray for



Susan Ritta



Denise Schreiber



Larry Schreiber



Jacky Uhler



Elaine Wischmeier





Mike Geren



Rebecca Geren



Aileen Gilliland



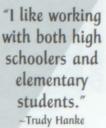
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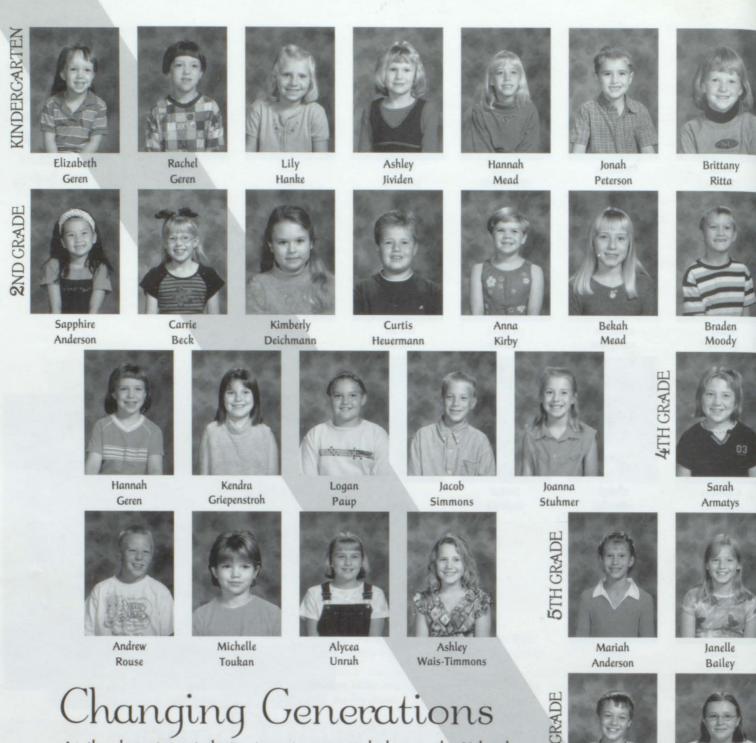
Right- Mr. Geren, playing the part of the mad scientist, mixes up some chemicals after school.

Faithful Through Change

Change was the only constant at NC this year. Teaching assignments, extra duties, coaching, and supervision of various activities shifted and evolved. Consequently, many of the staff were frequently out of their comfort zones. This caused many to reevaluate the reasons they taught at Nebraska Christian. It consistently came down to their opportunity to serve the Lord through the ministry of the school. A deep and abiding love of God and a clear calling to teach motivated each of the staff.

This year, Irl Gilliland and Mike Geren joined the teaching staff. Aileen Gilliland, Rebecca Geren, and Marge McPeak joined the support staff. Jo Moody became the Academic Head of the International Program, and Jessica Zaruba joined the staff as part-teacher, part-secretary, and part-Administrative Assistant for the International Program. There were changes in coaching staff for football and girls' basketball. Jonathan Musgrave joined the staff at semester, teaching and monitoring study hall. These new faces, and the alterations in responsibilities for the remaining staff, were greeted with confidence knowing the Lord's hand guided and directed the changes made.

In spite of all these differences, the Lord was faithful and the school year went very well. Nebraska Christian was blessed with stable finances, 206 eager young people, and countless blessings from day to day.



As the elementary students strove to grow and change, the Nebraska Christian Elementary School changed as well. Twenty-one new students came to help make up the fifty-five K-6 students. Seven staff members worked together to keep the students organized and learning. Mrs. Zaruba guided the twelve new kindergarteners through their first year of school. Mrs. Stuhmer taught the first

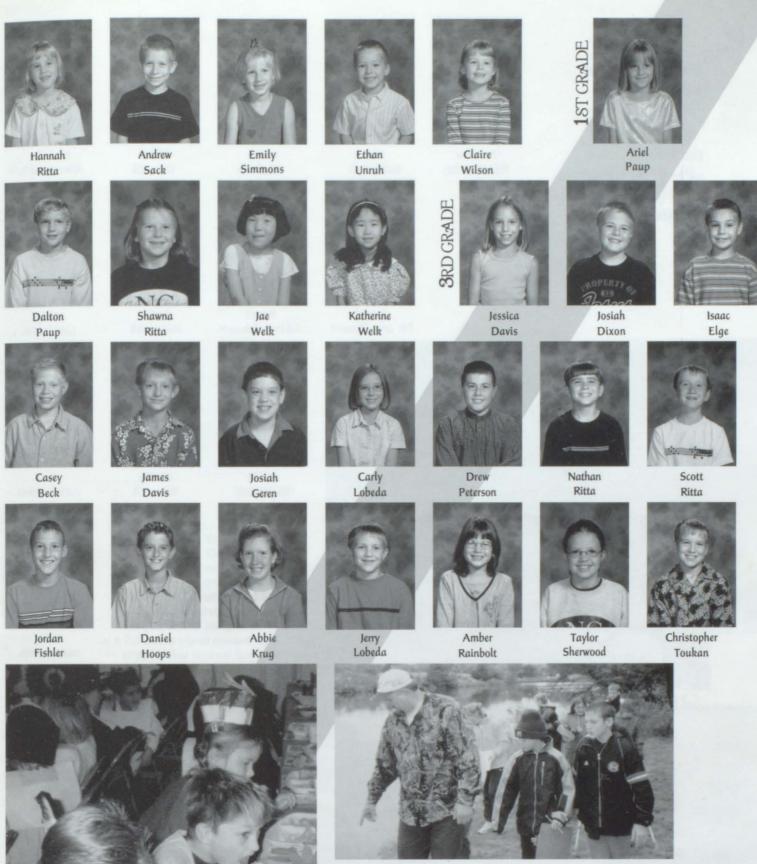


Levi Dixon

Stephanie Ritta

and second grades and led vocal music. Mrs. Schreiber taught the third and fourth grades, and Miss Smith instructed the fifth and sixth grades as well as taught PE. Art at the elementary was taught by Mrs. Hanke, and Mr. Pedersen cared for the custodial responsibilities of the Marquette campus. Mrs. Geren worked parttime as secretary in the office. The 2002 plans to keep the seventh and eighth grades at the Marquette campus changed, so the elementary had the facility to themselves.

Though many changes occurred at the Nebraska Christian Elementary School in Marquette, the ultimate goal of the school remained unchanged: "Building lives for eternity." Mrs. Zaruba said, "The school's goal is foundational. We fulfill this goal by teaching Biblical principles in all areas. We trust the Word of God as the authority for our lives. With that in place, we face the future with hope. We build lives with faith in the Creator of the Universe." ~Stephani Deichmann and Jordan Davis



Far Left- Dressed as Pilgrims and Indians, 2nd graders Braden Moody, Curtis Heuermann, and Kimberly Deichmann enjoy their elementary Thanksgiving Day celebration on November 26th. Above- Christopher Toukan and Jordan Fishler, along with the other 5th and 6th graders, follow Mr. Burr on a nature hike during a field trip to Covenant Cedars. Left- While sitting in the gym, Kindergartener Elizabeth Geren searches for crayons to color her block for the paper quilt. Shirley Anderson came to the elementary and did a presentation on quilts as part of the Discover Nebraska Program.

"There is more freedom in junior high. For example, we get to play sports and the teachers trust us more to behave on our own." ~Mike Swanson



Annalise Anderson, 8th



Josh Bailey, 8th

Daniel

Jang, 8th



Katie Beck, 7th



Esther Choi, 7th



Michelle Clement, 7th



Jamie Jividen, 7th



Cody Lobeda, 7th





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Crystal Ratliff, 8th



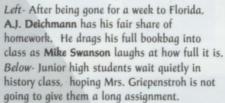
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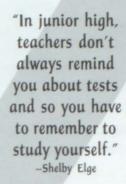
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Kristen Mott, 8th



Morgan Neely, 8th



Trever Nunnenkamp, 8th



Tyler Nunnenkamp, 8th



Ashley Roenfeldt, 7th



Matt Ryan, 8th



Sam Stuhmer, 8th



Micah Unruh, 8th

Right- Seventh grader Chrissy Ritta works meticulously on her art project. Later her hard work paid off and she received an "A" on the project.

Freedom's Responsibilities

Homework, peer pressure, and participation in a variety of sports were things that every junior higher experienced in a new way. The junior high years were filled with changes of all shapes and sizes. During the 2002-2003 school year, there were twenty-six rambunctious junior high students. After having 7th grade in Marquette last year, plans to keep all of the junior high at the Marquette campus changed, and both the 7th and 8th grades attended school at the Central City campus this year.

Most junior high students would have said that along with more freedom came more responsibility. Seventh grader Ashley Faeh said, "Junior high was fun, but it was more difficult than elementary because we had homework almost every day." However, some students miss elementary; eighth grader Samuel Hwang said, "I miss elementary because we could wear shorts and have recess."

There were many different words that could have been used to describe junior high: challenging, difficult, or tough. No matter what word was used to depict it, junior high was not easy, but it brought memories that would last a lifetime.

~Billy Griepenstroh

"I love high school because I get to see all my friends and have good Christian influences." ~Britney Collins



Becca Brill



Bruce Chen



Britney Collins



Phillip Cunningham



Britney Davis



Jordan Davis



Sam Krua



Jeremy Lutes



Tony Lao



Holly Murphy



Annie Nickel



Left- Holly Murphy laughs at Ashley Stone's joke while she delicately eats an Oreo during lunch.



Chris Senkbile



Heather Smith



Sommerfeld



Ashley Stone



Jake



Jordan Ward

Tonniges Experiencing Extreme Da

Picture yourself at the top of the largest rollercoaster ever; you feel like you're on top of the world. You look down at the drop that is awaiting you. It hits you. You are not a little kid anymore. Now you are in high school.

So there they were, the freshmen of 2002. The class nearly doubled in size, growing from 17 to 32 students. Among the new students there were three international students: Bruce Chen, Angela Tong, and Tony Lao.

The class experienced new things, like participating in extracurricular activities such as: sports, speech, choir, band, and yearbook. Most had one thing in common, their faith. God gave each student unique gifts, which added to the contrasts in the freshmen class. When they combined their gifts, God brought about amazing things. They put together a concession stand to raise money for their freshmen trip. They saw many interesting things on their trip, such as: Gettysburg, Arlington Cemetery, all the Presidential memorials, the Smithsonian, the National Zoo, the Atlantic Seaboard and much more.

Many things happened this year, and there will be more to come in the years ahead. Even though the year was a crazy trip, the freshmen grew academically and spiritually. Most of all, they learned to work as a team, through God's grace, and they survived "the wild ride." They ended the year looking foward to their next adventure.



Carmen Dockweiler



Kelli Garwood



Riley Garwood



Sarah Garwood



Billy Griepenstroh



Celeste Hattan

"I like NC because my classmates are friendly and there is no discrimination." ~Angela Tong



Lisa Osler



Abby Perez



Tyson Ratliff



James Regier



Charice Schweitzer

Below- Sam Krug and Jake Tonniges carefully arrange a box filled with goodies for the Operation Christmas Child Project.



Lindsay Swanson



Amy Thiessen



Angela Tong





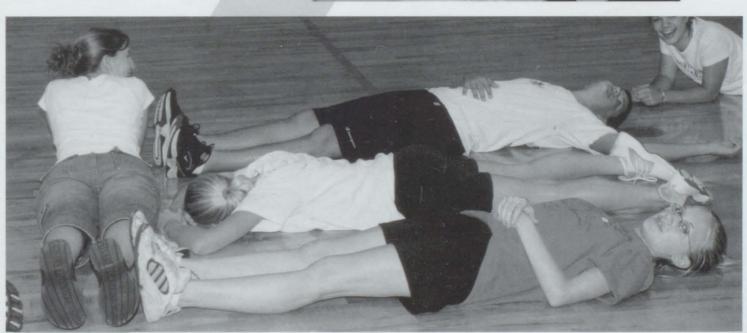
Ryan Weedin



Sydney Zaruba

Below- During Kick-off Kapers Sarah Garwood, Celeste Hattan, Amy Thiessen, Ryan Weedin, and Charice Schweitzer lay on the floor as the "E" to help the class spell out the word "FRESHMEN" to help the class show unity.





"When God throws a curveball at you, you better not duck or you just might miss something."

~From the movie "Extreme Days"



Kelsey Calkins



Brady Chase



Bobby Chen



Sevenna Chen



Jessy Choi



Charity Davis



Alex



Kristi Johnson



Sarah Kauk



Jessica Kirby



Melissa Krieger



Sarah Rainbolt



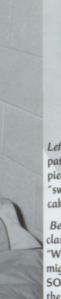
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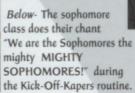
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Left- Luis Salcedo patiently waits for a piece of Meagan Elge's "sweet sixteen" chocolate cake in Bible class.





Troy Thieszen



Holly Urban



Jena Ward





Meagan Elge



Lee



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Goertzen



Emily Griess



Hampton



Meagan Hoops

"Falling into the arms of the forever Father." Definition of Reckless Abandonment

(according to YWAM)



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Alina McIntyre



Micah Neely



Andrew Nunnenkamp



Matt Parlane



Ryan

Jason

Weedin

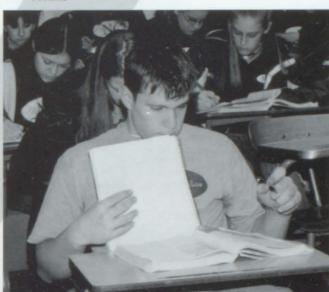




Tyler Schreiber



Pam Shimmin



Salcedo



Michael Wegner



Mikayla Wegner

Right- Julius Goertzen diligently looks for the answer to his World History paper.

Reckless Abandonment

The Class of 2005 was described in many ways: wild, crazy, insane, enthusiastic, and diezel. "If we have one thing to say about our class....we're da bomb!" exclaimed Sarah Rainbolt and Meagan Hoops. "Our class," said Sarah Kauk, "is a mixture of different people and personalities, but we all fit together." The sophomores were a unified class. Competing for spirit on the Kick-Off-Kapers day was a memory that all of this year's sophomores will never forget. "We are the sophomores, the mighty, MIGHTY SOPHOMORES!" The sophomore class continued to grow more unified as time went on. When asked what he thought about his class Matt Parlane said, "We're like a family." Michael Wegner took it a step further and stated "We're like brothers and sisters." Mikayla Wegner added on, "We fight like them too!" Some shared, "This class was the most unified class," but what unified us the most was our relationship with Jesus Christ. Despite ups and downs, fights and tiffs they could honestly say, "I thank my God everytime I remember you" (Phillipians 1:3). Charity Davis described the class of 2005 as, "Good friends, good fun," and we would have to agree.

~Meagan Elge and Kelsey Calkins

"The best thing about NC is the closeness between the students and the teachers. ~Choongman Lee



Angela Andrews



Kayla Aspegren



Nathaniel Bergen



John Chang



Lindsey Cook



Scott Dibbern



Luke Hanson



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Johnson



Lydia Kinney

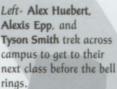


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Drew Schreiber



Smith



Kaelee Stone



Grant Tonniges



Ben Unruh



Derek Veburg

One Year Closer

The junior year was a combination of new experiences and making memories. It took hard work, diligence, and responsibility to be a junior. Working concessions and cleaning the gym after games were only two of the responsibilities the juniors learned. Also, decorating and dressing up for the Junior-Senior Banquet were new to the class. With all of these activities, the juniors learned to rely on each other and work together.

Memories were made while playing volleyball against the seniors at Timberlake on Spiritual Emphasis Day. Another memorable, but disappointing, situation was coming in a close third against the sophomores at Kick-off Kapers. These experiences helped the class to work as a team and to become more unified.

The juniors not only learned how to accept the responsibilities given to them, but they also realized that they had only one year left. "Being a junior was great and now we're almost done!" said Jeremy Grosch. Ryan Faeh stated, "We're one year closer to graduation!" With graduation on their minds, the junior class was able to complete the year with the knowledge that the year to come would be their last year of high school.

The class was made up of 35 students, including three new international students and three returning international students. Though each classmate was different and unique, they continued to work toward a common goal, of daily loving and serving the Lord with their lives.

~Lydia Kinney, Shelby McPeak, and Hannah Hampton



Melody Dockweiler



Alexis Epp



Ryan Faeh



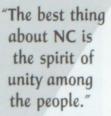
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~Kayla Aspegren



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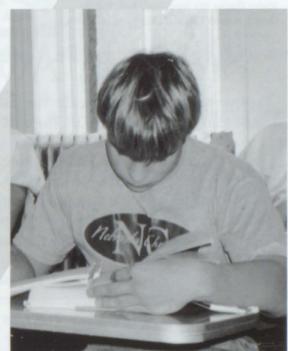
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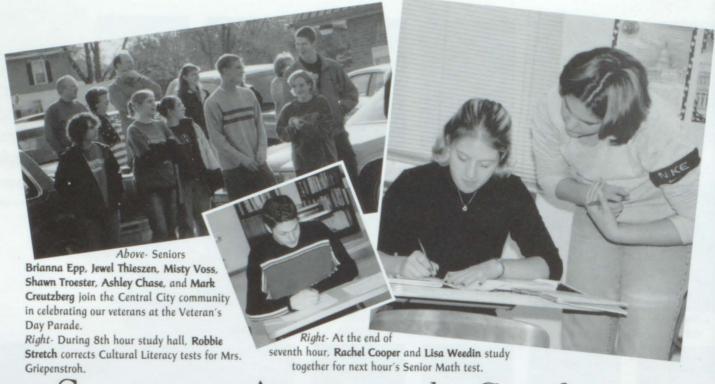


Kanae Yamabe

Right- With much concentration, Ryan Faeh quickly jots down the answer to the Physics problem he's working on.

Below- Kayla Johnson and Melissa Weiss, interact with international student Kanae Yamabe. Sharing a pleasant conversation in Mr. Gilliland's room, the three girls smile together.





Stepping Away with Confidence

Twenty-one seniors stepped onto Nebraska Christian's Central City campus in late August 2002 determined to graduate in early May 2003. The road toward May began on rough terrain; senioritis set in early, but the students forced themselves to press on. Two girls from Macau, Kit and Casey, joined the nineteen returning students, and together they formed a diverse, unique senior class. They came to the school from Japan, Macau, and all over Nebraska, but they left the school together on May 9th, by way of the graduation stage.

Nebraska Christian High School offered the seniors a place to gather together and become friends. Unified by their faith and spiritual beliefs, the seniors found in the school a last breath of fresh air before stepping out into the world. The sheltered environment and the classes taught from a Biblical perspective helped prepare them for the different paths they will face.

Though each senior looked ahead to plans for their futures, they all took time to enjoy their senior year. Intermixed with their practices, studies, and classes, the seniors attended workshops, took field trips, and threw parties. Also, they traveled south into Texas for their senior trip.

Everyday, the senior class inched a tiny bit closer to the end of their high school road. They grew more together and grew more in Christ with each passing day. The lessons they learned at Nebraska Christian prepared them for this part of their journey. As they faced the opportunities before them, they stepped forward with confidence.

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Years at NC: 12th grade

Favorite Memory: Late night talks, when Eva, Kit, and I "captured the flag,"

helping in the kitchen

Favorite Verse: Jeremiah 6:16

Advice to Underclassmen: If you live in the present every minute is a new start. Don't look back to the past, but do your best now for the future.

Ashley Chase

Years at NC: 1st grade through 12th grade

Favorite Memory: Freshman shop, summer league "stops," basketball, and

late nights at Walmart

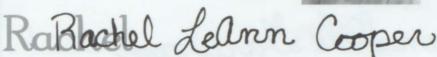
Favorite Verse: 2 Chronicles 20:12b

Advice to Underclassmen: Life is not measured by the number of

breaths you take, but by the number of moments that take

your breath away.





Years at NC: Kindergarten through 12th grade

Favorite Memory: Summer league in St. Edward (rumble bars), freshman shop,

late night girl parties

Favorite Verse: Matthew 6:34

Advice to Underclassmen: Live each day to the fullest CC

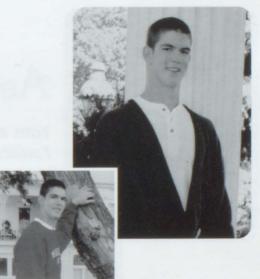
Massark Creutzberg

Years at NC: 4th grade through 12th grade Favorite Memory: Junior year basketball

Favorite Verse: Psalm 40:19

Advice to Underclassmen: Stay in school.

Creutzberg



Statephanie To Deichmann

Years at NC: Kindergarten through 12th grade

Favorite Memory: Freshman shop, Junior/Senior, girl parties, and my A-dog

and my J-dog, and my junior year

Favorite Verse: Proverbs 31:10-31

Advice to Underclassmen: Overlook the small things that you won't remember in five years anyway, and enjoy each day to the fullest.



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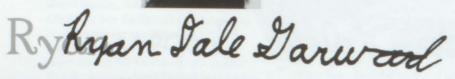
Years at NC: 10th grade through 12th grade

Favorite Memory: The 3 Musketeers and all our adventures, Legolas and Frod

and Jewel's opera

Favorite Verse: John 16:33b

Advice to Underclassmen: It's ok to be cheesy. People like cheese!



Years at NC: 9th grade through 12th grade

Favorite Memory: Football Gameday Crew and State Wrestling

Favorite Verse: James 1:19

Advice to Underclassmen: Work hard and have fun at it.

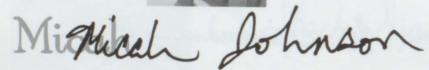


Ashshley Lenae Janzen

Years at NC: 8th grade through 12th grade Favorite Memory: Shop class, girl parties

> Favorite Verse: 1 Thessalonians 5:12 Advice to Underclassmen: Keep it real.





Years at NC: 9th grade through 12th grade

Favorite Memory: Road trips and camping with my friends

Favorite Verse: Micah 6:8

Advice to Underclassmen: Use your high school years for the best.

You only have one chance to do it right! OMNSOI



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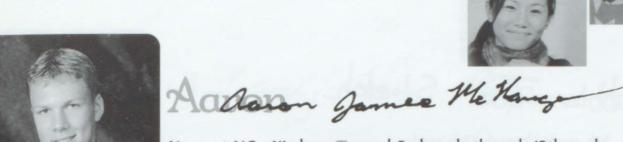
Years at NC: 12th grade 7.

Favorite Memory: Capture the flag and eating carrots

Favorite Verse: Proverbs 16:3

Advice to Underclassmen: Practice makes perfect, and it's better to act

cautiously before-hand than to suffer afterward.



Years at NC: Kindergarten and 2nd grade through 12th grade

Favorite Memory: Football Gameday Crew Favorite Verse: Philippians 4:13

Advice to Underclassmen: Set high goals and follow through.

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Years at NC: 10th grade through 12th grade

Favorite Memory: When I was joining youth group

Favorite Verse: Romans 12:2

Advice to Underclassmen: Walk with God.



Years at NC: 11th grade through 12th grade

Favorite Memory: Single Valentine's Day party in Hastings and late night talks

Favorite Verse: Philippians 3:14

Advice to Underclassmen: Beware of 10:30 pm!



Calcours Schweitzer

Years at NC: 9th grade through 12th grade

Favorite Memory: Junior Senior, girl parties, sophomore year track

Favorite Verse: Matthew 6:25

Advice to Underclassmen: Don't be quick to judge others.

Schweitzer



Robebbie Toel Stretch

Years at NC: 8th grade through 12th grade

Favorite Memory: Camping, road trips with the boys, and Ceasar 3

Favorite Verse: 2 Timothy 2:15

Advice to Underclassmen: Annoy Mrs. Moody and Mrs. Gas

much as you can!



Darbduid Dean Swanson

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Years at NC: 9th grade through 12th grade

Favorite Memory: Cross country meets my senior year

Favorite Verse: Ephesians 6:1

Advice to Underclassmen: Respect everyone.





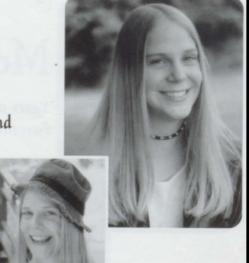
Years at NC: 9th grade through 12th grade

Favorite Memory: Building a zipline at the dorm my freshman year, and

freedom

Favorite Verse: Isaiah 55:12

Advice to Underclassmen: "Commit your way to the Lord: trust in Him and He will do this. He will make your righteousness shine like the dawn, the justice of your cause like the noonday sun." Psalms 37:5-6



Sharm Allan Tax

Years at NC: 9th grade through 12th grade

Favorite Memory: Gameday Crew, sports, riding in the El Camino, driving back

from St. Edward with the basketball guys, state basketball my sophomore year

Favorite Verse: 1 Timothy 4:8

Advice to Underclassmen: Ask not what the seniors can do for you;

ask what you can do for the seniors.



Years at NC: Kindergarten through 12th grade

Favorite Memory: Bus rides, my 16th birthday with Aaron, Gameday Crew, and

parties with Chase and Murphy

Favorite Verse: Joshua 1:5

Advice to Underclassmen: Don't settle for less than the best in your

life in any area.

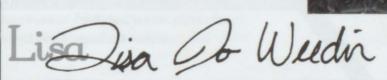
Misthisty Danielle Voss

Years at NC: 10th grade through 12th grade Favorite Memory: Senior trip LIVEUC

Favorite Verse: 1 Corinthians 13:4-8, 13

Advice to Underclassmen: Stay strong in the Lord.

Voss



Years at NC: 7th grade through 12th grade

Favorite Memory: Freshman shop, the bus, honking through Fullerton, and

Junior/Senior

Favorite Verse: Romans 8:6

Advice to Underclassmen: Take each day as it comesed in



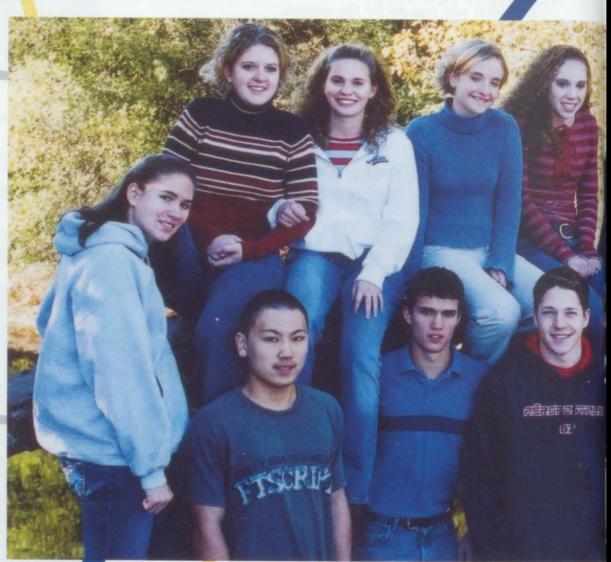








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Troester, Aaron McHargue, Creutzberg, Micah Johnson, David Swanson, Ryan Garwood Janzen, Casey Chan, Kit Eva Mow, Brianna Epp, Misty Voss, Jewel Thieszen, Lisa Weedin











12. Mark Creutzberg 13. Brianna Epp 14. Aaron McHargue 15. Eva Mow 16. Carissa 1. Ashley Janzen 2. Misty Voss 3. Shawn Troester 4. Ashley Chase 5. David Swanson 6. Robbie Stretch

Putting Faith into Action

Nebraska Christian offers more than Bible classes, chapels, and other spiritual activities. While these activities are of great value, sports benefit students' lives as well. Football, volleyball, cross country, wrestling, basketball, track, and junior high sports effect almost everyone in the student body.

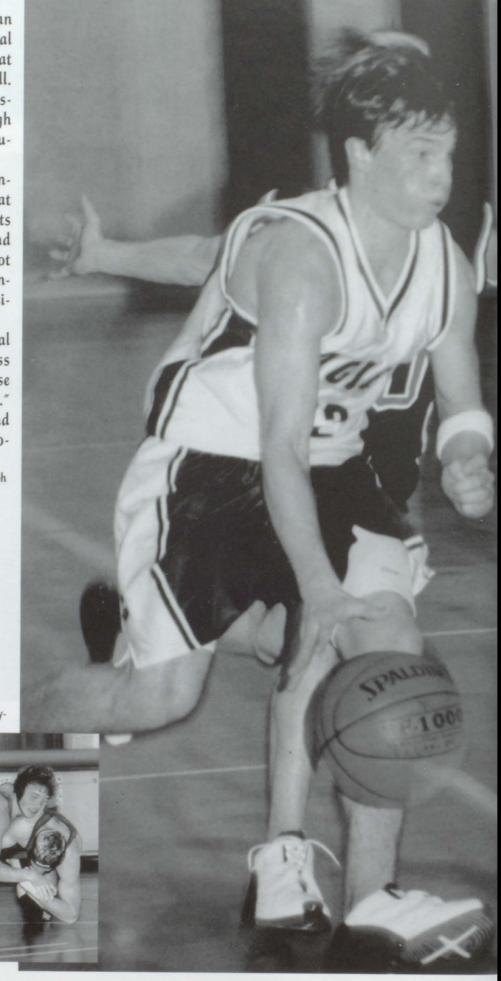
Every sport requires strength and endurance, and if each athlete gives all that he has, success is not far off. NC students give 100% to their athletic training and performance. Sometimes success comes not from the scoreboard, but from the relationships and character built through participation.

In 1 Timothy 4:8 it says, "For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and life to come." At NC, students gain both physical and spiritual benefits from the athletics programs.



Right- Freshman Chris Senkbile takes a deep breath as he passes his defender then heads for the basket to make a lay-

up.
Right- Junior
Ryan Faeh drives
his opponent
over and prepares to gain the
victory at the
Nebraska Christian wrestling
team's first meet
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"Sports taught me discipline."

-Ryan Garwood







Left- Seventh grader Michelle Clement reaches with her feet and pulls her body forward in order to gain an extra few inches in the long jump.

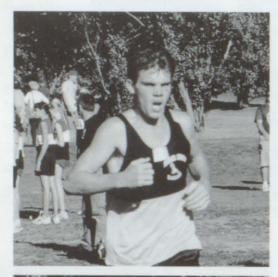
Above, left- Junior Tyson Smith follows his blocker, senior Ryan Garwood, as he drives up the middle during the game against the High Plains Storm. Above- Freshman Carmen Dockweiler presses on toward the finish line lengthening her stride and quickening her step during the Cross Country meet in Central City.

Running for the One

This year's Cross Country season went very well. The girls gave all they had at six meets throughout the season and placed second as a team at East Butler. The senior high boys increased in steps this year and dropped a lot of time. The boys did not have many runners this season, so they were not able to make team scores. They have shown great improvement both as a team and individually. All of this would not have been possible without the help and determination of Coach Scott Johnson.

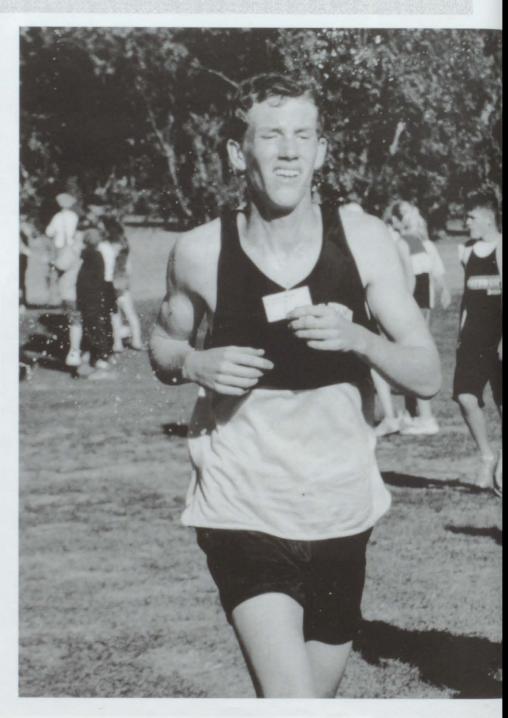
Coach Johnson awarded the Mighty in Spirit awards to Melissa Weiss and Micah Johnson, the Total Release awards to Kristi Johnson and Nathaniel Bergen, and the Most Improved awards went to Lindsay Swanson, Carmen Dockweiler, and David Swanson. Nathaniel Bergen qualified for the State Cross Country Meet in Kearney to finish out the season of impromements.

~David Swanson and Kelsey Calkins





Top- David Swanson continues to push himself hard in order to improve his time during the meet held at Central City. Above- Micah Johnson presses on with endurance as he works to keep ahead of his opponents in the final stretch of the race.





Above- Front to back, left to right: Row 1: Student Manager Kayla Johnson, Melissa Weiss, Kristi Johnson, Carmen Dockweiler, Lindsay Swanson, Student Manager Suzanne Schmid Row 2: Nathaniel Bergen, Micah Johnson, David Swanson, Josh Bailey

Cross Country Schedule

Coach: Scott Johnson

2002 MEETS

Albion Sept. 6

Sept. 13 Aurora

Sept. 20 Central City

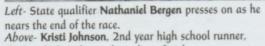
Sept. 27 Albion

East Butler Oct. 3

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thinks of what she needs to do to finish strong. Right- Melisssa Weiss looks at her teammates while thinking of how she is going to endure the run before



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Head Coach Jewel Fr	aen		
Assistant Coach: Charissa Smith			
2002 GAMES	US	THEM	
Palmer	2	0	
NE Luthern Waco	2	0	
North Loup\Scotia	0	2	
Stromsburg	0	2	
Osceola	0	2	
Hampton	0	2	
Palmer	0	2	
McCool Junction	0	2	
Rising City	1	2	
Elba	0	2	
Spalding\SA	0	2	
Fullerton	0	2	
Arcadia	2	0	
St. Edward	1	2	
North Loup\Scotia	1	2	
Greeley/Wolbach	0	2	
Niobrara	0	2	
Cedar Rapids	1	2	
Arcadia	0	2	
Cedar Rapids	2	0	
Newman Grove	0	2	



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Swanson, Winter Flodman, Alexis Epp, Shelby McPeak, Lindsey Cook, Student Manager Hannah Hampton Row 3: Emily Griess, Charity Davis, Joy Ruark, Taffy Lee, Jena Ward, Jessica Kirby, Amy Thiessen Row 4: Heather Smith, Annie Nickel, Lisa Osler, Sydney Zaruba, Becca Brill, Holly Murphy, Kelli Garwood, Jordan Davis, Charice Schweitzer



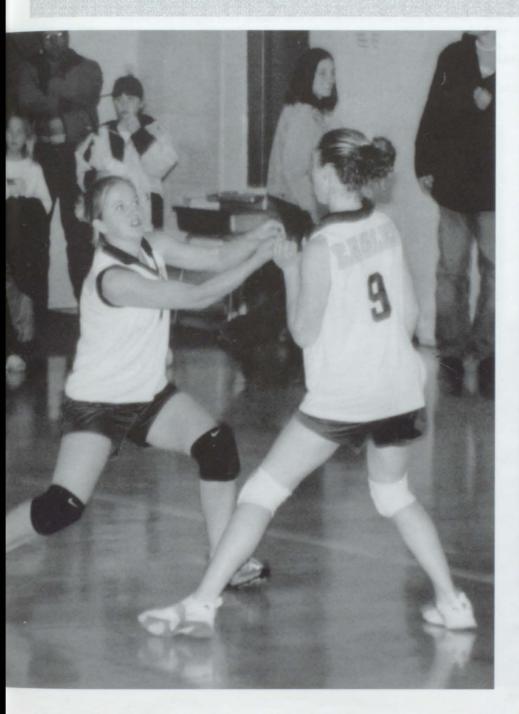
Corporate Unity

In 2002, 32 NC girls participated in volleyball. Coaches Jewel Faeh and Charissa Smith split up the 10 freshman, 13 sophomores, 5 juniors, and 4 seniors into a C team, a junior varsity team, and a varsity team.

Throughout the season, the team's focus was on unity. The devotions before each game encouraged the mindset that the upcoming match was for God's glory, and increased the focus for the game. During games, they encouraged each other. During the practices they peppered, scrimmaged, and played queen's court. Through these activities they increased team unity. The most important unifying factor on the team was God. The gifts and abilities He gave each player blended together, forming a strong team.

These 32 girls improved their abilities, unified through Christ, and increased friendships throughout the season. Though it was a good season, the Eagle volleyball team hoped to do even better next year for the glory of God.

~Heather Smith







Top- Ashley Chase sets the ball to hitter Holly Urban as Sarah Kauk moves into her defensive position.

Above- Mikayla Wegner covers blocker Sarah Rainbolt as she stuffs Palmer's outside hitter to gain a point for the Eagles.

United Efforts

Football was a game full of agility, speed, and endurance. It started in the sunny, hot and humid days of August and ended with snow and ice in late October. Coaches and players looked forward to a successful season characterized by unity and glory to God.

At the beginning of the season, the Nebraska Christian football team started with only four seniors and three days of pre-season. But, with another week of practice, the Eagles were prepared enough to win their first game against St. Edward. After the win at St. Edward, the Eagles struggled to come out on top in their next few games, and it was high time for a win in the game against Waco-Lutheren. The Eagles beat Waco-Lutheran and then Hampton, but struggled against state runner-up, the Greeley-Wolbach Titans.

Through the losses and tough times, team unity kept all of the players going; however, the coaches continued to remind every athlete on the team to never forget the glory was really God's. The season was filled with fun times and memories that would last in each player's mind forever.

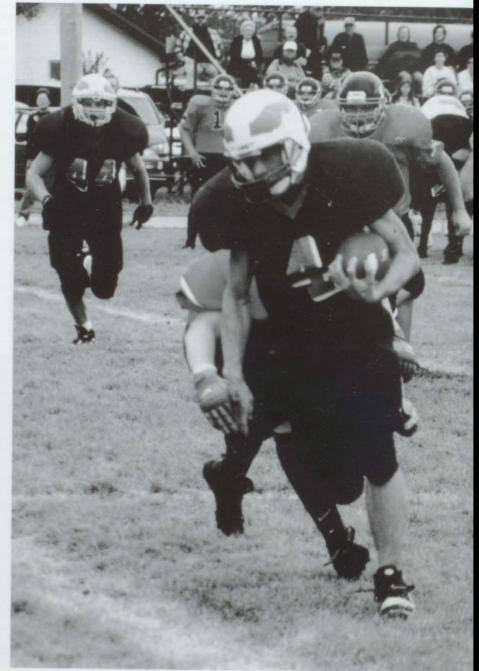




Top Left- At the end of the 3rd quarter the Eagle defense is almost worn out. They say a quick prayer that they will use their remaining energy to play their best in the upcoming 4th quarter.

Above- Coach Lanny Fach tells his offense his game plan.

He hopes they will execute as planned and acheive victory.





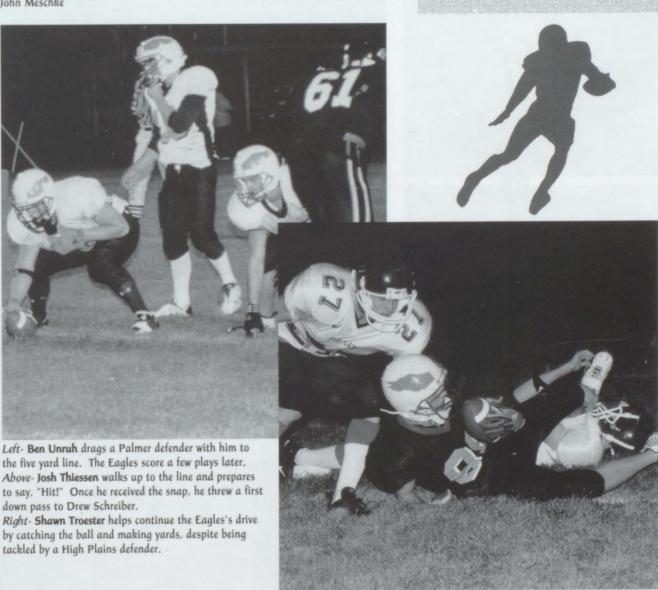
Above- Left to right, front to back: Row 1: Choongman Lee, Drew Schreiber, Grant Tonniges, Jeremy Urban, Ryan Garwood, Shawn Troester, Jon Rhoades Row 2: Billy Griepenstroh, Tyson Smith, Ted Swanson, Ben Unruh, Jason Weedin, Brady Chase, Ryan Weedin Row 3: Riley Garwood, Sam Krug, Phillip Cunningham, Chris Senkbile, Tyler Schreiber, Josh Thiessen, Jordan Ward Row 4: Coach Chad Jividen, Tony Sommerfeld, Jeremy Lutes, Michael Wegner, Jake Tonniges, Coach Lanny Faeh, Coach John Meschke

Football Record

Head Coach: Lanny Fach

Assistant Coaches: Chad Jividen, John Meschke

2002 GAMES	US	THEN
St. Edward	27	8
Palmer	27	44
High Plains	24	48
Spalding	16	22
Shelby	22	45
Waco Luthern	51	3
Hampton	56	6
Greeley/Wolbach	12	44



Girls Basketball Record

Head Coache Irl Gilliland Assistant Coach: Trudy Hanke

2002-2003 GAMES	US	THEM
Palmer	31	44
St. Edward	29	28
Arcadia	40	19
Elba	48	27
High Plains	39	43
Giltner	32	28
St. Edward	28	34
Cross County	26	58
Hampton	38	54
North Loup/Scotia	46	56
Osceola	35	61
St. Edward	59	57
Greeley/Wolbach	35	71
Palmer	42	27
Cross County	29	56
Cedar Rapids	56	18
Spalding/SA	40	25
Nebraska Lutheran	53	30
Greeley/Wolbach	26	64
Shickley	43	33
Heartland	31	55



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Rainbolt, Student Manager Melissa Krieger





Left- Stephani Deichmann drives toward the basket after teammate Sarah Rainbolt passed the ball against the Osceola Bulldogs.

Above- Ashley Chase searches for an open teammate to put the Eagles in scoring position.

Right- Rachel Cooper catches a pass while her Giltner opponent tries to steal the ball.

Encouraging Changes

At the close of the 2001-2002 basketball season, the Lady Eagles were left without a coach for the next season; however, Mr. Irl Gilliland from California came to fill the void. The 2002-2003 team was relatively young and small as five freshmen, five sophomores, one junior, and four seniors stepped onto the court to perfect fundamentals and learn new methods, such as one-handed free throws.

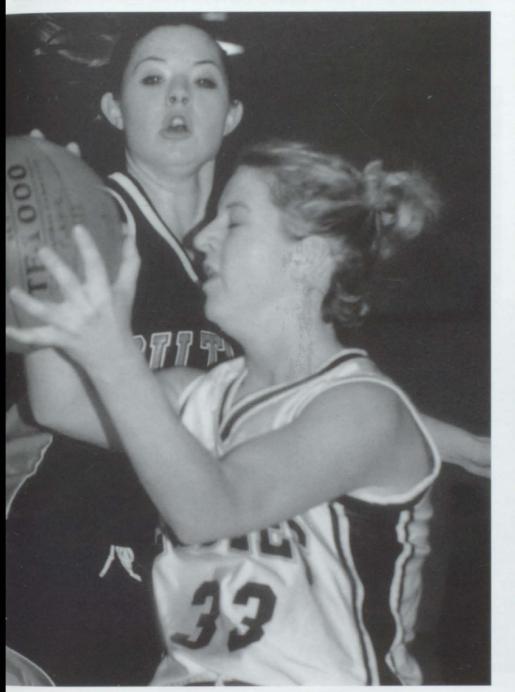
Coach Gilliland stressed the importance of fundamentals throughout practices and games and introduced new man-to-man offenses and defenses. He also impressed on the ladies that all of their work

and attitudes were to glorify the Lord at all times.

As the girls strived to glorify God and become better, they broke school records twice, claiming third in the Goldenrod Conference Tournament and having the most wins in NC girls' basketball history with ten. At 10-10 the team finished the regular season with a .500 record, improving on the prior season and already preparing for future years.

Throughout the season, the girls perfected their fundamentals and grew together under new ~Kaelee Stone

coaching to produce a unified team continually giving glory to God.







Top- The JV girls basketball team pauses to pray with the Osceola Bulldogs following the game. Above- Sarah Garwood looks to the inside to pass to the post for an easy lay-up against the St. Edward Beavers.

A Season Worth Remembering

With only three weeks of preparation before their first game, nineteen boys came together to take on the challenge of a new season on November 18, 2002. Seniors Micah Johnson and Mark Creutzberg stepped into the role of leadership to guide the team toward what they hoped would be a victorious season.

Heading into Christmas break with a 4-1 record, the boys faced St. Edward a second time in the inaugural NC Holiday Tournament game. The team won by eighteen points advancing to the championship game against Cross County. The NC boys, closely contested, came out on top with a 53-47 victory. One exciting, yet memorable game, occurred when NC boys faced the Osceola Bulldogs and won by a three pointer.

The Conference Tournament brought a renewed sense of competition with an excellent chance of making it to the championship game. After defeating Palmer, the team met up with Spalding/SA and once again achieved victory. They advanced to the championship game; Greeley proved to be a little too much to handle, but that didn't stop the urge to keep on going and strive to improve.

Rounding out the season with a 14-7 record, the boys basketball team proved they were worthy of the challenge.

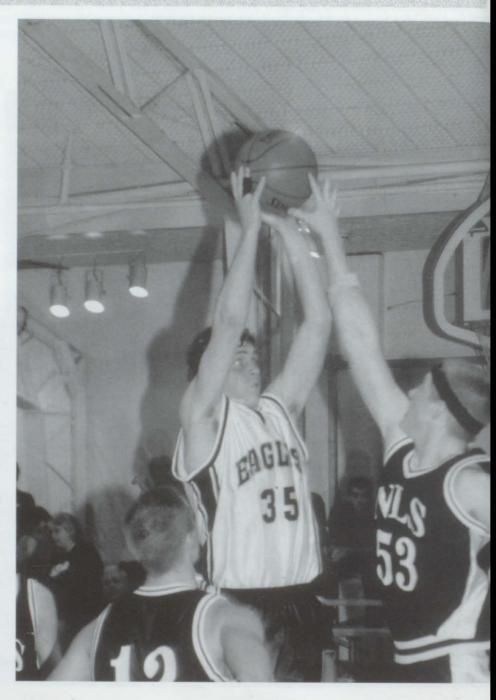
~Hannah Hampton and Lisa Weedin





Top-Taking a brief moment at the end of a victorious game for the Eagles, Mark Creutzberg leads the team in prayer with the Osceola Bulldogs joining them.

Above-Varsity player Tyler Schreiber presses on down the court as he plans his offensive strategy.





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Mark Creutzberg, Michael Wegner, John Chang, Tyler Schreiber

Boys Basketball Record Head Coach: Gordon Thiessen Assistant Coach: Frank Rodriguez 2002-2003 GAMES US THEM St. Edward 49 Arcadia 55 46 Elba 67 21 High Plains 58 Giltner 65 43 St. Edward 64 46 Cross County 53 47 Hampton 43 40 North Loup/Scotia 70 53 Osceola 50 47 Palmer 60 47 Spalding/SA 71 42 Greeley/Wolbach 54 81 Cross County 67 60 Cedar Rapids 67 54 Spalding/SA 65 48 Greeley/Wolbach 36 69 Shickley 49 73 Palmer 53 37 Shelby 71 33 Cross County 82





Left- Jumping into the air, **Drew Schreiber** adds two more points to the board, which leads to a victory against North Loup/Scotia.

Above- Josh Thiessen looks toward the net and concentrates on making both foul shots as he pictures sinking his first free-throw shot.

Right- Senior Micah Johnson pivots as he prepares to shoot against Palmer's defense at one of his last high school games.

Committed Discipline

Eleven wrestlers made up the 2002-2003 wrestling squad, the largest in school history. Working together, with fund-raising and donations, the wrestlers were able to purchase a new wrestling mat. This teamwork, along with personal commitment from each one, brought the team success this year. They placed in the top three at several meets and received first place at the conference meet in Palmer.

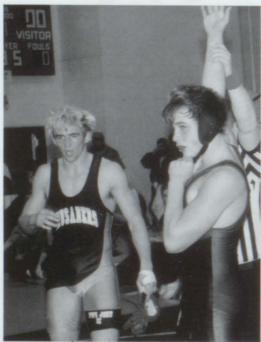
Wrestling takes commitment and self-discipline. Self-discipline is required just to come to practice everyday, and to force yourself to make weight. The teammates would have told you, however, that despite all of the difficulties, wrestling was an enjoyable and unforgettable experience.

Phillip Cunningham spoke for the whole team when he said, "The best part of wrestling was the coach." Coach Elge taught them how to improve in both wrestling and their faith. He challenged the team this season to live up to Job 1:1, and to insert their name and city where Job and Uz are stated in the verse.

-Meagan Elge and Billy

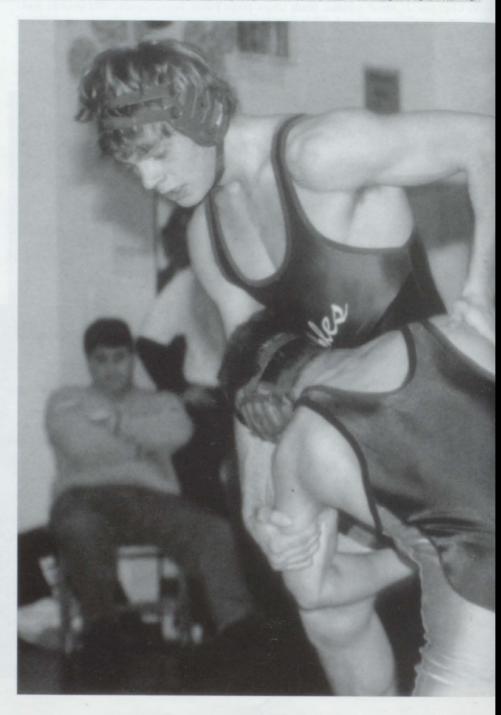
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Top- Matt Parlane is dominating his opposition. He looks to Coach Elge for advice on what move would be the best for the situation.

Above- After a three period match, Ryan Faeh is quite exhausted despite the victory.





Above- Left to right, front to back; Row 1: Sam Krug, Matt Parlane, Micah Neely, Ted Swanson, Billy Griepenstroh Row 2: Phillip Cunningham, Riley Garwood, Grant Tonniges, Scott Dibbern, Ryan Faeh, Ryan Garwood, Coach Terry Elge

The 02-03 Squad

Head Coach: Terry Elge

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Left-Ted Swanson sprawls back as his opponet at the Elgin meet attempts to earn a take-down.

Right- Ryan Garwood, rated sixth in the state, tries to earn near fall points against the number four rated Pope John wrestler who later went on to win the state championship in

Above- State qualifiers, Phillip Cunningham, Ryan Faeh, and Ted Swanson



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Double Standard for Success

The 2003 track season started the way every respectable track season should: with sub-zero temperatures and ice-cold wind. And despite some meets where over half the team was gone (due to class trips, college entrance exams, and other miscellaneous activities that pop up at the end of the year) and a week long spring break that cut down on practice time, it was a respectable and successful season.

The team was made up of 25 members, whose diversified individual abilities combined to form a strong, well-rounded team. There were many outstanding performances and efforts throughout the season. Ben Unruh broke a long-standing school record in the 110 hurdles with a time of 15.2 seconds, Jill Nickel set a new school record in the triple jump with a leap of 32 feet and 3/4 of an inch, and Amy Thiessen matched the school's pole vault record by clearing 9 feet.

According to 1 Corinthians 10:31 "...whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God." Whether track participants ran hurdles, long jumped, threw the discus, scored points for the team, or simply gave it their best, they had the opportunity (through their efforts and attitudes) to glorify God. With that in mind, the team had a double standard for success. Through titles won, records broken, positive attitudes, and hard individual effort, the 2003 Eagle track team truly met their goals.

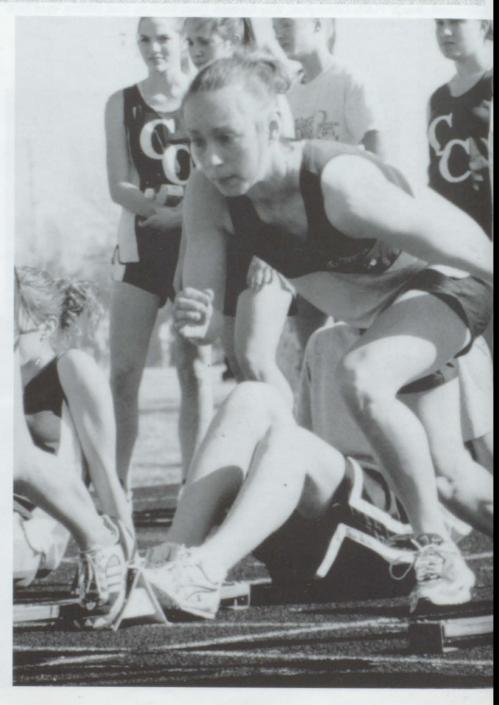
—Charlene Murphy





Top- Ben Unruh keeps his focus on the finish, flying over the hurdle in the final stretch of the 300 meter hurdle event.

Above- Amy Thiessen hurls herself toward a 3rd place finish in the long jump at the NC Invite.





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Track Record

Coaches Larry Schreiber, Larry Hoff, and Scott Johnson

2003 Meets GIRLS BOYS			
Merrick County	No Scores Kept		
North Loup Scotia	5th	4th	
NC	6th	4th	
Palmer	2nd	2nd	
Conference	1st	3rd	
St. Ed	7th	3rd	
Districts	9th	8th	

State Qualifiers

Amy Thiessen-Pole Vault Ben Unruh-110 High Hurdles, 300 Intermediate Hurdles



Left-Jordan Davis springs from the starting blocks at the sound of the gun shot on her way to a 5th place finish.

Above-Jake Tonniges gathers momentum, ready to let the shot put fly.

Right- To gain a bronze medal and points for her team, Sarah Kauk makes pole vaulting look easy as she clears the bar.



Junior High Records Coaches Larry Schreiber and Larry Hoff

2002-2003 Gantes	Wins	Losses	
Girls Volleyball	3	2	
Boys Basketball	8	1	
Track	Girls	Boys	
High Plains	8th	2nd	
North Loup Scotia	5th	5th	
Nebraska Christian	4th	3rd	
Goldenrod Conference	3rd	1st	
St. Edward	5th	5th	



Above- left to right, front to back Row 1: Crystal Ratliff, Annalise Anderson, Shelby Elge, Michelle Clement, Ashley Faeh Row 2: Jamie Jividen, Katie Beck, Chrissy Ritta, Kristen Mott, Ashley Roenfeldt Row 3: Micah Unruh, Trevor Nunnenkamp, Tyler Nunnenkamp, Cody Lobeda, Mike Swanson Row 4: Daniel Jang, Luke Faeh, Jon Ritta, Brian Jeon, Matt Ryan Row 5: Samuel Hwang, Morgan Neely, Josh Bailey, A.J. Deichmann, Samuel Stuhmer (not pictured Truman Faeh)





Left- On the way to a victorious game, Crystal Ratliff bumps the ball over the net.

Above- Luke Faeh defies gravity as he flies several feet into the long jump pit, bringing in points for his team.

Right- Ashley Faeh gets into the volleyball game by sliding and passing the ball to Jamie Jividen, who is ready to hit it over the net.

Sporting Fun

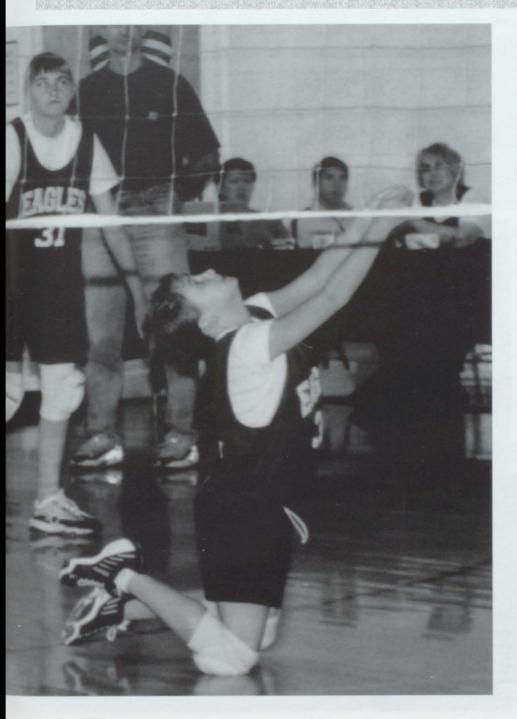
Junior high sports can be summed up in one word: fun. It didn't really matter how big, small, coordinated, or clutzy you were, as long as you had a good time. The laid back atmosphere of junior high sports encouraged the 7th and 8th graders to honor God through athletics, to work together as a team, and to enjoy themselves while doing so.

The boys had a great season in basketball. Although the girls did not have a basketball team, they were active on the sidelines, cheering for the boys. The girls tried their hardest at volleyball and

ended up having a lot of fun learning how to laugh at, and learn from, their mistakes.

The track team was composed of individuals with all kinds of talents and abilities. From hurdling, to high jumping, to pole vaulting, to long jumping, to running, to sprinting, they all gave their best effort to bring in points for the team. During the track meets, they were able to meet new people, and even more important than competing, they were able to let those they met see Jesus in their lives.

-Becca Brill







Top- With a look of determination, Truman Faeh bounds over the high jump bar.

Above- As the seconds tick away, Matt Ryan looks toward the net to shoot, knowing that this shot could be the winning one.

Making Memories

Waking up hours before the sun comes up just to sit around all day, staying late after school to practice different activities, working all summer, going to camps, rushing around trying to make various deadlines...who does this? The NC students who are in speech, band, yearbook, cheerleading, and other various activities do such things regularly. Each student commits countless hours to each activity. They give their time to improving their talents in order to glorify the Lord.

Why would anyone do this? There is a simple answer: because it's fun! Suzanne Schmid adds, "I like doing different activities because I like to meet new people and serve God at the same time." While the students enjoy all these activities, they keep in mind the one reason they are doing it-to glorify God in all they do.

~Heather Smith



Right-Juniors Drew Schreiber and Kayla Johnson lead the student body in singing during chapel worship time.

Right- Sara Chase helps freshman Angela Tong, and seniors Kit Lo, and Casey Chan put on their make-up during a Mary Kay demonstration for the dorm girls.

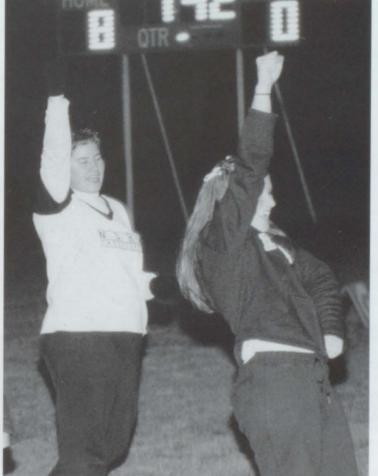




"You can have fun with activities while you glorify the Lord."

-Shelby McPeak







Left- Sophomores Melissa Krieger and Megan Elge lead the crowd in new cheers at the football game against Palmer.

Above, left- Junior Angela Andrews grouts tile with JoAnn Bjorkman on her summer missons trip to

Above- Junior Suzanne Schmid attempts to portray the horror of the crucifiction of Christ through her poetry presentation during the Speech Showcase.

New Spirit, Stronger Unity

Cheerleading defined in the World Book Encyclopedia is: "A colorful American sport tradition where cheerleaders perform rhythmic actions to generate enthusiasm in

the crowd." Meagan Hoops added to the definition that, "It requires ample muscle, strength, and coordination for tumbling and doing stunts." The NC cheerleaders of 'O2-'O3 totally agreed.

With summer preparation, the cheerleaders endured the learning and reviewing of new cheers, eight and

sixteen count routines, and stunting. "The best part to me was that we weren't a group of ditzy, rah-rah girls. We learned to punch it and use our muscles for stunts," said Sarah Rainbolt.

To be joyful when the football team was falling behind, to stand behind the guys with the voices of the crowd, and to have

people involved with the cheerleaders, taught the squad how to unify even under the worst circumstances.

Weekly Spirit Day clothing was new to NC this year. The purpose of the student body wearing NC clothes was to encourage unity among the students.

Cheerleading taught not only the cheerleaders but also those around them that we, as Christians, need to get behind others and encourage them to strongly finish their race for Jesus.

—Meagan Elge



Right- Bases Mikayla
Wegner, Meagan Hoops,
Meagan Elge, and Sarah
Rainbolt do their jobs and
catch their flyer Amy
Thiessen as they land their
first stunt.

Above- Left to right, front to back; Row 1: Sarah Rainbolt, Meagan Hoops, Mikayla Wegner, Melissa Krieger Row 2: Meagan Elge, Amy Thiessen, Winter Flodman, Alina McIntyre

Right- Mikayla Wegner, Meagan Elge, Melissa Krieger, and Meagan Hoops enthusiastically punch out their first cheer of the season at the St. Edward football game.





Above- Meagan Elge explains the obstacle course that two members of each class will be working their way through to the pep rally crowd, as Meagan Hoops smiles for the crowd.



Above- Alina McIntyre smiles big and punches her "High V" as the cheerleaders do the school song for the pep rally.



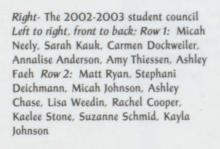
Left- Students in Spirit Day clothes, during the Blue and White day of Spirit Week, prepare to see what the cheerleaders have planned for the pep rally.



Above- Samuel Hwang and Daniel Jang leave the school pep rally all smiles with their encouragement balloons. The balloons were handed out by the Student Council on Blue and White Day.



Above- "Lord Of The Rings" look-a-likes Brianna Epp (Frodo) and Alina McIntyre (Legolas) show off their weaponry on Famous Person Day.







New Additions, Old Traditions

Spirit Week was filled with a variety of activities-dress-up days, a pep rally, and a homecoming football game. Dress up days included Retro Day, Pajama Day, Famous Person Day, and Blue and White

Day. Student Council also tried a new idea, John Hancock Day. On this day, students wore white t-shirts and spent the day autographing each other's shirts. Spirit Week is a favorite week among students, because of its unusual and enjoyable activities. Jewel

Thieszen said, "Spirit week is the one and only time you can dress weird and still fit

in." Jeremy Lutes made it clear that his favorite day was pajama day when he said, "Pajama Day is fun because when you wake up, you go to school. You don't have to shower or change clothes." Another highlight of Spirit Week was

the homecoming game, where Ryan Garwood and Carissa Schweitzer were crowned Homecoming King and Queen. After the game, pizza, pop, and s'mores were on the menu for all the students at the first annual bonfire. The bonfire was another new addition to Spirit

Week, put together by Student Council and the Secondary PTF.

~Billy Griepenstroh



Left- Ryan Garwood and Carissa Schweitzer, the 2002-2003 Homecoming King and Queen, accept their crowns.

Left- Who can get the most signatures for John Hancock Day? The Freshmen girls start right away, 1st period, to find out.

Above- Lions and tigers and bears...oh my! The Wizard of Oz is brought to life on Famous Person Day by Melissa Weiss (the Wicked Witch from the West), Suzanne Schmid (the Scarecrow), Jill Nickel (Dorothy), Shelby McPeak (the Lion), Kayla Johnson (the Tinman), and Melody Dockweiler (the Good Witch). Don't forget Shelby's dog Mitzy- he made a nice Toto!

Growing in God

The special speakers and the various pastors that visited the school for chapel helped each of the students at NC grow in his or her walk with God.

Spiritual Emphasis Day in Septem-

ber at Timberlake Ranch Camp inspired the student body to be on fire for Christ. Bobby Betzoldt spoke on how to be "diezel" (on fire) for Christ. In the spring instead of a Spiritual Emphasis Day, the high school and staff met for about an hour everyday

for two weeks to watch videos on how to resolve anger. Mrs. Uhler said of the Bill Gothard seminar, "It was a good reminder to persevere." Each Friday during the Anger Resolution Seminar, the students were quizzed over questions written by the teachers. Angela Andrews appreciated that the quizzing "... reinforced what we learned in the seminar."

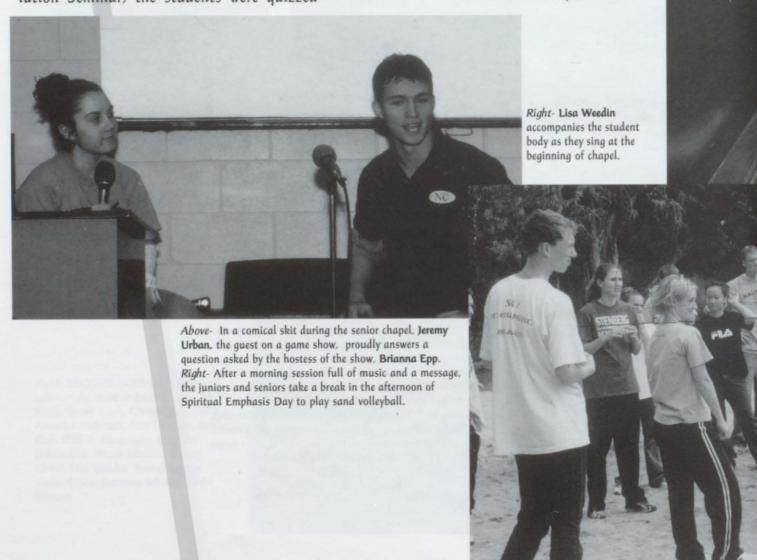
During a special chapel, Dan Woods, founder of the Power of Principles, shared how

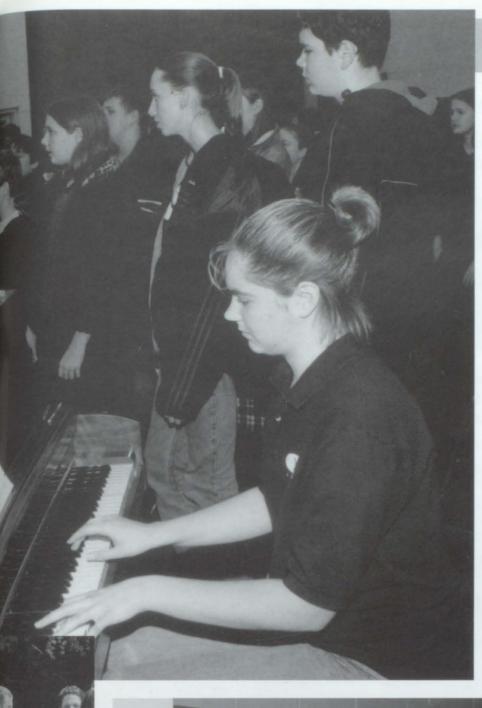
ordinary things, such as a red cloth, applied to God and personal relationships with Him. "He takes natural things and makes them supernatural," Lisa Osler commented about Dan's message.

The students also participated in the chapel activi-

ties by leading the music at the beginning of chapel and by sharing what God was teaching them. Each chapel encouraged and helped the students grow in their walks with God.

~Heather Smith and Stephani Deichmann









Above- Ashley Janzen holds up the answer to a game show question during a skit the seniors performed.



Above- Sara Chase shares some of the experiences she had while serving as a short-term missionary in Afghanistan.

Left- Sarah Kauk, Matt Parlane, and Josh Thiessen accompany the student body during praise and worship time.



Above- Johanna Neitzer holds Kanae Yamabe's music as she plays for the pep band during a basketball game.



Above- Ashley Chase and Jessica Kirby, sopranos, follow along with the music during choir practice.

Right- The band, front to back, left to right; Row 1: Jena Ward, Ashley Stone, Rachel Cooper, Kaelee Stone, Shawn Troester, Drew Schreiber Row 2: Luke Hanson, Annie Nickel, Abby Perez, Becca Brill, Chrissy Ritta Row 3: Josh Bailey, Valerie Ritta, Jessica Kirby, Melissa Krieger, Alina McIntyre, Kanae Yamabe, Winter Flodman Row 4: Jeremy Lutes, Jake Tonniges, Tyler Schreiber, Matt Patrick, Samuel Hwang, Ryan Faeh





Making Music

Music was not something taken lightly around the NC campus. Many students were involved in some form of music, whether it was junior high music, choir, and/or band.

The choir was one of the best in the county. It performed all over the state at banquets, churches, and contests. It was very well known. When most people either heard or talked about NC, it often had to do with the choir.

The band was small, but when given the opportunity to

play for games, the members earned their spot by filling the gym with motivating, energetic pep band music. The band played for football games,

basketball games, and for pep rallies.

The Master's Musicians included some of the school's most talented singers. They performed by themselves and with the

choir. They also sang The Star Spangled Banner at the beginning of some sporting events.

God blessed NC with students who used their God-given talents to glorify Him. Having said that, as you walked through the halls of NC, you undoubtedly heard

music. Around here, whether they were big or small, what counted was that they were praising the Lord through music.

~Becca Brill

Left- With a look of determination, Lisa Osler skillfully plays her trumpet for pep band while Kayla Aspegren watches warm-ups for the basketball game.



Above- The choir, front to back left to right: Row 1: Sam Krug, Jessy Choi, Sevenna Chen, Misty Voss, Celeste Hattan, Charice Schweitzer, Meagan Elge, Tyson Ratliff, Carissa Schweitzer, Ashley Chase, Holly Urban, Meagan Hoops, Kelli Garwood, Matt Parlane Row 2: Nic Ryan, Valerie Ritta, Carmen Dockweiler, Sarah Kauk, Amy Thiessen, Phillip Cunningham, Micah Neely, Jeremy Urban, Josh Thiessen, Lindsay Swanson, Joy Ruark, Emily Griess, Sydney Zaruba, Julius Goertzen Row 3: Justin Ratliff, Lindsey Cook, Taffy Lee, Sarah Garwood, Melody Dockweiler, Angela Tong, Lydia Kinney, Brady Chase, Choongman Lee, Paul Feng, Scott Dibbern, Sarah Rainbolt, Kristi Johnson, Melissa Weiss, Shelby McPeak, Ryan Garwood, Marcus Griess Row 4: Ben Unruh, Drew Schreiber, Melissa Krieger, Jessica Kirby, Lisa Osler, Jill Nickel, David Swanson, Tyler Schreiber, Nathaniel Bergen, Andrew Nunnenkamp, Rachel Cooper, Annie Nickel, Mikayla Wegner, Lisa Weedin, Kayla Johnson, Shawn Troester, Michael Wegner

Left- The Master's Musicians, left to right: Jill Nickel, Drew Schreiber, Kayla Johnson, Ryan Garwood, Rachel Cooper, David Swanson, Lydia Kinney



Shining Lights

One important element of NC students' lives was missions. They served the Lord in a variety of ways throughout the year. Students modeled their lives after the

greatest servant of all, Jesus Christ, and they followed His command to "Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven" (Matthew 5:16).

Juniors Suzanne Schmid, Kayla Johnson, and Shelby McPeak went to Paraguay last summer. Shelby McPeak said,

"Missions are something that you can't get enough of. It's an unforgettable experience."

From summer mission trips to five

day clubs to teaching Sunday school to helping with AWANA, NC students went about the business of making disciples with zeal. They took very seriously God's mandate: "...therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son

and of the Holy Spirit" (Matthew 28:19). This "Great Commission" was the underlying motivation for their service.

~Sandi Griepenstroh



Right- Shelby McPeak enjoys holding a precious Monjoui baby on her missions trip to Paraguay.

Above- The senior girls' home economics class, which was taught this year by volunteer mothers, holds up the clothes they made to send to those who are in need.

Right- At "I Can" Camp in Columbus, Ashley Chase gives a quick hug to one of her girls who has just finished swimming in the lake and needs warmed up.







Above- In June, Lydia Kinney and Valerie Ritta, along with their youth group from Community Bible Church, counseled at "I Can" Camp, a day camp for under-priviledged children in the Columbus area.



Above- Justin Ratliff laughs at his and Micah Neely's attempt to wrap a Christmas present for the annual Operation Christmas Child. Packing the shoeboxes filled with small gifts has become a meaningful tradition for NC students.

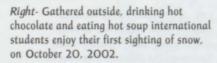
Left- In Paraguay, three Monjoui children mold figures out of mud after a recent rain. Typically, these figures are the only toys they have to play with.

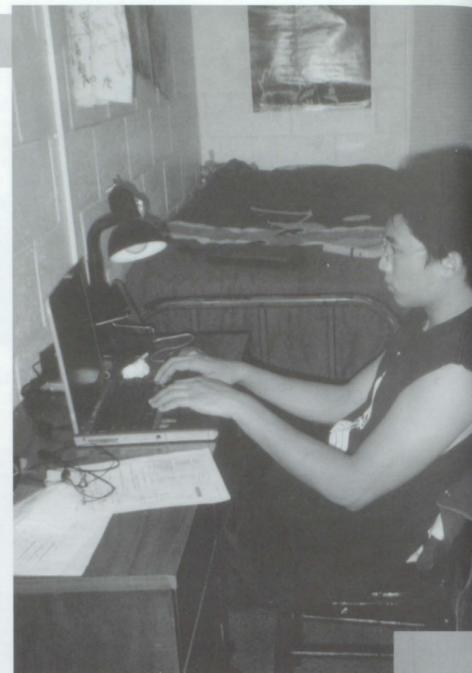


Above- Ryan Garwood pulls up the winning apple in the apple-bobbing contest during the dorm's fall party.



Above- Angela Tong heads down the hall with her damp hair wrapped in a towel as she prepares for "lights out" at 10:30 p.m.







Cultural Experiences

Dorm life-what is there to say? It's a riot! From playing with Alexis and Seth to taking out the trash, there is never a dull moment in the dorm. There were a total of

thirty-two dorms students including nineteen International residents. Having different cultures, languages, and personalities made dorm life interesting and educational.

The girls tried to have a monthly scrapbooking night, where they not only preserved but also created, memories. Special quests also came in to

host some parties, such as a Mary Kay demonstration about how to apply makeup presented by Tifany Albrecht of Lincoln.

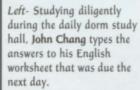
The dorm had the typical fall party, where the students played various games. Also, the dorm celebrated the Chinese New Year at the Buffet House in Grand Island,

along with the Community Bible Church youth group and the Edgrens. They celebrated by feasting on an authentic Chinese meal including ten dishes. The experience was unique, and very interesting.

The year may have been a bit tiring at times,

but in the end, life in the dorm was not so bad. The students learned to cooperate as one, and to love one another just like a big family.

~Hannah Hampton





Left- Lisa Osler puts on a pretty face as Raggedy Ann, as she prepares for Famous Character Day during Spirit Week.

Above- Left to right, front to back: Row 1: Shohei Tanno, Samuel Hwang, Brady Chase, Daniel Jang, Hisato Morishima, Sarah Garwood, Riley Garwood Row 2: Angela Tong, Brian Jeon, Hannah Hampton, Ryan Garwood, Melissa Krieger, Taffy Lee, Lindsey Cook, Kelli Garwood Row 3: Bruce Chen, Paul Feng, Sevenna Chen, Jessy Choi, Esther Choi, Annice Han, Misty Voss, Lisa Osler Row 4: Tony Sommerfeld, Bobby Chen, John Chang, Casey Chen, Eva Mow, Kit Lo, Choongman Lee, Tony Lao (Not pictured William Dobson)

No Longer Speechless

The sun hasn't risen yet; it's still dark, peaceful, and quiet outside- most people still slumber soundly in their warm beds. No such luck for the speech team.

Junior Melissa Weiss jokes "I go out for speech to see the sunrises...at 5:30 on a SATURDAY morning." No, waking up before the crack of dawn isn't easy. Despite this, most members will tell you what a fun and rewarding activity speech is. "It's exhilarating, and challenging, and I like it a lot," says Senior Jeremy Urban.

The year's theme was Ezekiel 33:22, "He opened my mouth...and I was no longer

speechless." The team was far from speechless. Topics ranged from the Lord of the Rings and the crucifixion to Riverdance and tolerance.

Mrs. Ferris emphasized that each member of the team not only represents Nebraska Christian, but also Jesus Christ as well. The fact that God should be glorified in every area of their lives, and in everything that they did, gave fresh perspective and motivation to the team. The 2003 speech team enjoyed a

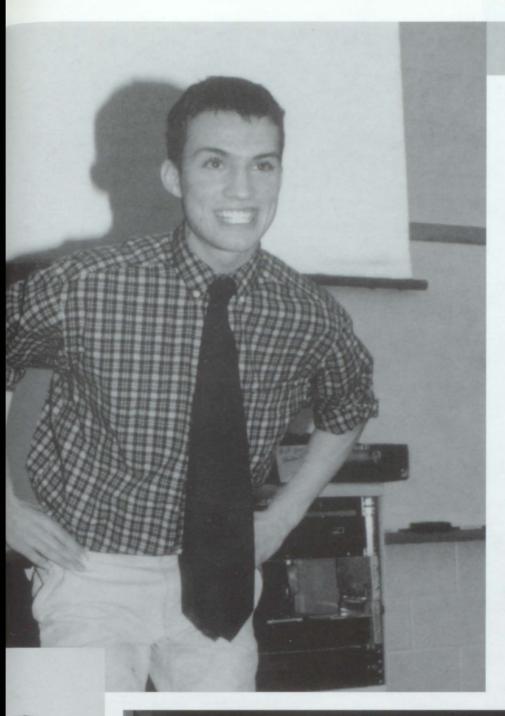
successful season, despite not having a full team, and they saw some great sunrises!

~Charlene Murphy



Right- Jeremy Urban teaches his audience the art of Riverdance in his state qualifying Entertainment speech.

Above-left to right, front to back; Row 1: Lisa Osler, Lindsay Swanson, Alexis Epp, Jill Nickel, Holly Murphy, Heather Smith, Pam Shimmin Row 2: Emily Griess, Carmen Dockweiler, Melissa Weiss, Charlene Murphy, Kristi Johnson, Kayla Aspegren, Annie Nickel Row 3: Suzanne Schmid, Angela Andrews, Michael Wegner, Aaron McHargue, Jeremy Urban, Marcus Griess, Coach Ruth Ferris (Not Pictured Charity Davis) Right- The 2003 state qualifiers, left to right: Aaron McHargue (Extemp), Suzanne Schmid (Poetry), Melissa Weiss (Persuasive), and Jeremy Urban (Entertainment and Persuasive).





Above- State-qualifier Suzanne Schmid depicts the crucifixion of Christ in her powerful poetry selection.



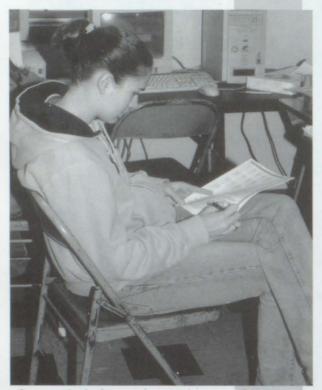
Above- The not-so-evil stepsister Brunhilda (Holly Murphy) laments having to attend the Ball in the O.I.D. "The Cinderella Syndrome."



Left- The results are posted! Heather Smith, Annie Nickel, Lisa Osler, and Melissa Weiss react with enthusiasm as teammates advance to finals at the District Speech Contest.



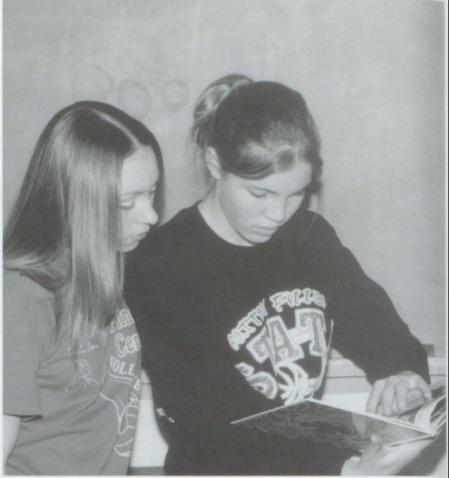
Above- Sitting comfortably in the Pajama day dress, Becca Brill and Hannah Hampton ponder on a theme for the yearbook.



Above- Yearbook editor **Stephani Deichmann** carefully analyzes a page layout as she edits the people pages for both design and content.



Above- Left to right, front to back: Row 1: Meagan Elge, Jordan Davis, Kelsey Calkins, Billy Griepenstroh, Becca Brill Row 2: Stephani Deichmann, Hannah Hampton, Heather Smith, Charlene Murphy (Not Pictured Samuel Hwang)



Above-Jordan Davis and Heather Smith browse through old yearbooks for ideas for the sports theme article.

Creating Memories

Last year's yearbook received the Cornhusker Award which is the highest ranking award possible for a yearbook to receive in Nebraska. With seven new staff members and only two returning, it took extra time and much hard work to learn the disciplines necessary to put together a yearbook. The yearbook class moved to a new room, where each member of the staff had their own computer to work on. Along with the new room, the school purchased a digital camera that the yearbook and newspaper were able to use.

The entire yearbook staff realized that in order to produce the yearbook they had to contribute much time, effort, and patience. Each individual carried various responsibilities to complete the yearbook. Meagan Elge said, "It was hard and fun; it was hard because of all the work you have to do, but the work and time together made it fun."

~Kelsey Calkins

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Freshman Road Trip

On the morning of April 10, 2003 the freshman class headed out on a road trip.

The freshmen started preparing for their trip to D.C. at the beginning of the school year. For their first fundraiser they

ran the concessions at an auction held at Atlantic Homes in Central City. They also raised money by pre-selling about sixty dozen Krispy Kreme doughnuts.

At last the day came, and all 32 freshmen, plus 10 international students, 2

homeschoolers, and 8 adult sponsors loaded a charter bus and headed east. Their first stop was Gettysburg, PA. Then they stopped in Baltimore, MD to tour the Inner Harbor. After that, the group headed south to Washington D.C. They stayed there for four days

touring Mount Vernon, Arlington Cemetery, the Smithsonian, all the presidential and war monuments, the National Cathedral, the Capitol, the Supreme Court, Union Station and many t-shirt vendors. Then, once again, the

> class headed south and arrived at Virginia Beach, VA. All of them had a blast running and playing football on the beach. The adventurous ones decided to jump in the water, even though it was freezing. They said that once their feet went numb it wasn't that bad. At

the end of their trip, they spent a day at Colonial Williamsburg, VA.

Over the course of a week they had been in 11 states. They were glad to be back, but they all agreed that this was a road trip that they would never forget.

~Becca Brill



Right- Annie Nickel, Holly Murphy, Billy Griepenstroh, Sarah Garwood, and Kelli Garwood cross the street in front of the Capitol building on their way to the Smithsonian.

Above- Left to right, front to back: Row 1: Jordan Davis, Chris Senkbile, Phillip Cunningham, James Regier, Jordan Ward, Sam Krug, Tony Sommerfeld, Paul Feng Row 2: Angela Tong, Annie Nickel, Sarah Garwood, Carmen Dockweiler, Billy Griepenstroh, Bruce Chen Row 3: Lindsay Swanson, Charice Schweitzer, Amy Theissen, Lisa Osler, Sydney Zaruba, Riley Garwood, John Chang, Shohei Tanno, Choongman Lee Row 4: Britney Collins, Britney Davis, Rebekah Goodbrake, Holly Murphy, Abby Perez, Celeste Hattan, Ashley Stone, Kelli Garwood, Tyson Ratliff, Jeremy Lutes Row 5: Heather Smith, Becca Brill, Sevenna Chen, Jessy Choi, Esther Choi, Tony Lao, Annice Han, Ashley Miller, Ryan Weedin, Daniel Jang, Jake Tonniges Right- At Williamsburg, Jordan Ward and Phillip Cunnigham are now colonial criminals, guarded by Chris Senkbile, Tyson Ratliff, Jake Tonniges, James Regier, and Billy Griepenstroh







Above- At ESPN Zone in Baltimore, MD, Sam Krug, Phillip Cunningham, and Tyson Ratliff play virtual jockey pushing their horses to the finish line.



Above- Kelli Garwood and Amy Thiessen take a quick nap on a park bench near the Washington Monument after a long day of walking.

Left- After hearing the ocean calling their names, Heather Smith, Annie Nickel, and Holly Murphy answer the call as they run and jump into the freezing water of the Atlantic Ocean.

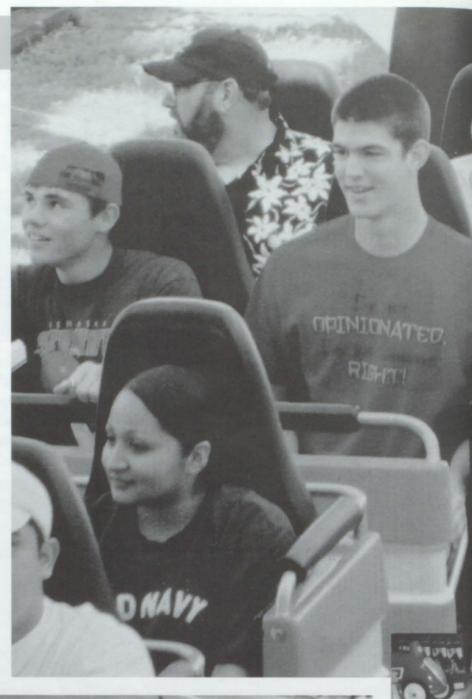


Above- At the NASA Space Center, Micah Johnson wanders through a bombed city searching for Robbie Stretch on a seek-and-destroy mission.



Above- Robbie Stretch experiences another world through a virtual reality simulator where he and Micah Johnson are robots.

Right- At the Cardinals/Astros baseball game, Stephani Deichmann and Rachel Cooper get up and dance to a song between innings only to fall into fits of laughter.





One Final Ride

April 11, 2003 was D-Day for the senior class of 2003. They packed up the school's nicest bus and blazed a new trail for future senior trips to Houston, Texas. A 21 hour and 19 minute drive landed them in Houston where they filled 4 days with exciting activities. The

seniors attended an Astros/Cardinals professional baseball game filling up on ball park hotdogs, pop, and cotton candy. Also, they attempted to conquer the rollercoasters in Astro World, Houston's Six Flags Theme Park. At a paintball complex the class divided into two groups and worked

to perfect their teamwork skills so as not to lose any of their teammates to the other team's paint. They visited the NASA Space Center where they learned about life as an astronaut. Finally, 4 days after reaching Houston, the se-

niors finished their trip by playing on the beach. They spent time boogie boarding, swimming, playing volleyball, and feeding the birds.

Through it all, Chris and Dawn Summers, the senior class' speakers, encouraged the seniors to GLOW: to be G-od centered, to

L-ove others, to O-bey the Lord, and to be W-illing to serve others. Devotions, worship time, and free time gave the class the chance to get to know one another better and to develop deeper friendships.

The bus ride home put the final touch on the week-long

trip. The seniors left unsure what the trip would hold, but returned reassured of God's faithfulness, love and ever-sustaining hand.

~Stephani Deichmann



Left- David Swanson and



Left- Ashley Janzen and Ashley Chase cruise a Toys R Us located near their hotel in Houston. Above- As they swim at Galveston's beach, Carissa Schweitzer jumps to avoid being knocked down by a wave while she coaches Stephani Deichmann on the finer points of boogie

Remembering to Walk

After months of planning, weeks of preparation, days of worrying, and hours of setting up, the junior class heaved a sigh of relief; Junior/Senior 2003 had finally arrived!

The juniors invited the seniors to join them at the Monroe Evangelical Free Church

to take a stroll down memory lane. The seniors arrived primped and prompt on Friday, May 2nd. The church had been transformed with flowers, lighted trees, balloons and trellises.

An Italian soda bar serving fruit and candy flavored drinks accented the entry. The

meal, cooked and served by junior parents, consisted of windsor loin, escalloped pineapple, cheesy potatoes, steamed vegetables, and gourmet desserts.

Wes Hitchcock entertained the group

with stories about his Junior/Senior experiences at NC. He spoke not on "A Walk to Remember" but rather, "Remembering to Walk." He encouraged all in attendance to remember to walk by faith in God.

A quartet of high school boys from Lin-

coln entertained the group. They sang about Jesus' walk on earth and about walking by faith. The evening closed with "a walk down memory lane." Mrs. Uhler gathered pictures from some of the teachers' proms and weddings and displayed them, in addition to snapshots of the students,

Right- John Chang and Lindsey Cook survey the beautiful array of desserts trying to decide which one they want to finish their delicious meal.

along a small walkway.

The time spent together not only reminded the students to walk in faith, but it also gave them many memories to carry with them as they walk.

Stephani Deichmann



Above- Carissa Schweitzer, Shawn Troester, Ashley Janzen, Ashley Chase, and Stephani Deichmann decide how they will stand to get the best picture of their formal clothes. Right- Just after arriving at the Monroe Church, Melissa Weiss and Kayla Johnson argue over who will get to hold Kayla's date, Harrison.







Above- Ted Swanson proudly displays his tux after receiving the award of Best-Dressed Junior Guy. He shared the title of Best-Dressed with junior girl Alexis Epp, senior guy David Swanson, and senior girl Rachel Cooper.



Above- The winners of the Best Dressed Couple award at the banquet, Aaron
McHargue and Kaelee Stone enjoy the evening
in all their finery.



Left- While waiting for the meal to be served, Brianna Epp and Jewel Thieszen smile in anticipation.

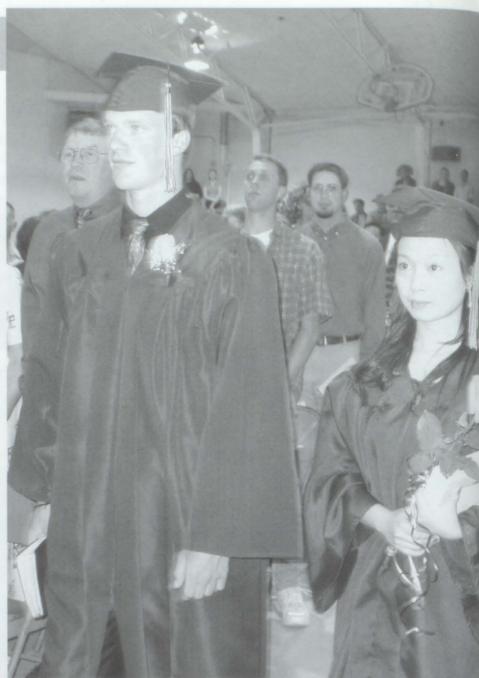


Above- Hisato Morishima gladly receives his diploma from board chairman Elroy Thieszen.



Above- Hugging her dad tightly, Jewel Thieszen's face shows her delight in finally graduating.

Right- Senior girls Stephani Deichmann, Ashley Chase, Rachel Cooper, Lisa Weedin, and Ashley Janzen will Kaelee Stone a very large box of special granola bars and a trash can which they claim Kaelee can fit herself into. Unfortunately for the crowd, Kaelee refused to perform that feat on stage.





Moving Forward

Graduation is a time of tearful farewells and excited anticipation. High school students look forward to their graduation day almost from the time they understand what graduation is. This year's seniors were no

exception. They looked forward to their graduation day all year. Looking to their futures with the bright hope that is so prevalent in young people, they made plans to go on to college or into the work force after leaving NC.

They were challenged as they went forward by the words of their valedictorian Brianna Epp and salutatorians Stephani Deichmann, Ashley Chase, and Lisa Weedin. They shared hopes and dreams for future success based on the foundation that has been put in place at Nebraska Christian. Each of this year's speakers spoke fondly of high school memories and optimistically of their collective futures.

Pastor Robert Stretch encouraged

the class of 2003 to go into the world and bear fruit for the Lord. He spoke of the pruning that must take place in our lives in order for Christians to bear the most fruit.

As the seniors contemplated their class verse, they determined to: commit their

ways unto the Lord... knowing that only through doing so would their plans succeed (Proverbs 16:3)

~Sandi Griepenstroh

Left- Micah Johnson and Casey Chan march boldy down the aisle leading to the graduation stage.



Above- The senior class of 2003, after receiving their diplomas, stand ready to enter the outside world. Left- Robbie Stretch is ready to lead his classmates out of the dining hall, into the gym, and forward to the future.



Carissa,

We are so proud of you and so happy to see you grow into a young woman of character who loves the Lord. As you leave this chapter of your life behind and begin a new adventure, remember God knows all about it and is preparing the way.

"I will lead the blind by ways they have not known...! will turn the darkness into light before them and make the rough places smooth. These are the things I will do; I will not forsake them." Isaiah 42:16

We love you!

Mom and Dad

Jeremy,

We are so proud of the person you have become, and look forward to watching you grow and mature as you enter the next phase of your life. The Lord has given you so many

gifts, and we pray that you will use them to

further His kingdom.

We love you very much, Dad, Mom, Holly, C.J., and Kevin

"'For I know the plans I have for you,' declares the Lord, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.'"

Jeremiah 29:11

"Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers. But his delight is in the law of the

Lord, and on Kis law
he meditates day and
night. Ke is like a
tree planted by
streams of water,
which yields its
fruit in season and
whose leaf does not
wither. Whatever he
does prospers."
Psalms 1:1-3



Hot Rod,

Always remember what
Daddy told you when you
were little, "You can run
faster than a coyote."
We love you,
Mom, Dad, Sara, and
Tif and Andy



"This is the one I esteem: he who is humble and contrite in spirit, and trembles at My Word."
Isaiah 66:2b

Stephani,

What a privilege is ours to be selected by God to be your parents; to guide you

through good times and bad.

We love you!

Mom and Dad





do.

Rachel,

Congratulations on your graduation. We are so proud of you! You are a gift from God and we thank Him for all He's done in your life and all that He is going to

Love. Dad and Steph

"Delight yourself in the Lord and He will give you the desires of your heart."

Psalms 37:4

"'For I know the plans I have for you,' declares the Lord, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11

What a joy you are to us Ryan!

We thank God for the honor of having you in our life! Walk close to Jesus and He will guide you in all that you do.

Congratulations on your graduation! Love, Dad, Mom, Lanea and Riley

"He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and

to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God."

Micah 6:8





Robbie.

It seems like just yesterday when you joined our family, our only son. Now here you are graduating. You are the best son parents could ever hope for. We are so thankful for your gentle spirit, sense of humor, respect for your parents, and your heart bent toward

loving God and obeying His precepts. May you always place Him first in your life... and He will direct your paths.

> With Much Love. Mom & Dad, Chris & Dawn, Kyle & Joya

Lisa, Always remember to keep God first in your life. We love you and will always be proud of you!

> Love, Mom & Dad "TRUST IN THE LORD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND LEAN NOT ON YOUR OWN UNDER-STANDING. IN ALL YOUR WAYS ACKNOWLEDGE HIM. AND HE WILL MAKE YOUR PATHS STRAIGHT." PROVERBS 3:5-6

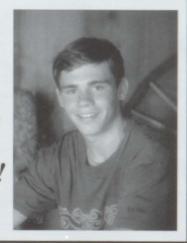


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God was so gracious when He blessed us with

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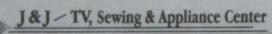
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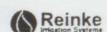
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Looking Ahead



Left- Lisa Weedin pins a yellow rose on Mark Creutzberg as they contemplate the upcoming ceremony marking the end of their high school careers.





Top Right- At a speech meet, junior Suzanne Schmid surprises freshman Lindsay Swanson with a bear hug from behind. Right- Junior Ryan Faeh strums a chord on his guitar and worships along with the student body during chapel. Above- Seniors Rachel Cooper, Kit Lo, David Swanson, and Shawn Troester work together to carry Misty Voss around the cones to help the senior class win a race during Kick-Off Kapers, the beginning of the year social.



Dear 2002-2003 fellow students,

I have achieved the ripe old age of 18, and I anxiously await all that life will soon bring to me. But, I wish to share with you, in my last article for the NC Reflector, my hopes and prayers for each of your lives. I have watched adults look back on their high school days with remorse, with horror, with shame, and with guilt. They regret the way they spent their seemingly long but oh-so-brief years in high school. I listen to their stories and pray that I will not regret my high school years like they do. I also hope that you will not look back sorrowfully on your time spent here at NC. Each day, each hour, and each moment flits away just out of our reach and never returns. Each time the bell rings, it signals another sentence written in the book of your life - written in permanent ink. Time past cannot be changed but be assured that the road ahead holds great promise. I pray each of you will have a high school experience with few regrets and many memories you can look forward to unlocking.

God Bless,

Stephani Deichmann, Editor



